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Hurd rules out force to oust Saddam

Iraq allows UN access to aid starving Kurds

By Adam Kelliher in Baghdad and Robin Oakley in London

THE United Nations has been granted access to Iraqi territory to carry out relief work for the starving Kurdish refugees, Eric Suy, the United Nations special envoy in Iraq, announced last night. Baghdad claims that the move will rule out the need for safe havens to be set up in northern Iraq.

As the decision was announced, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said that the UN Security Council would have to intervene physically if there was any obstruction of the relief effort; and the US State Department announced that James Baker, the US Secretary of State, would be returning this week for his third postwar trip to the region.

Mr Hurd rejectedcalls for force to be used to remove President Saddam Hussein from MPs on both sides of the Commons who said that the refugee problem would never be solved while the Iraqi leader remained in power.

Mr Hurd had discussed the Kurdish problem with James Baker, his US counterpart, at the weekend. He told the Commons: "The United States has given clear warnings to the Iraq government in this regard and the importance of these warnings was stressed to me by Mr Baker on Saturday. While the international life-saving operation is under way, the security council has insisted that Iraq co-operate in that effort.

"If the relief effort is harassed or frustrated by Iraq, then in our view it would be the responsibility of the United Nations to protect helpers and the helped and the security council would have to act on that responsibility."

In a clear effort to scotch talk of policy differences between Britain and the United States, Mr Hurd said that Britain shared President Bush's view that any interference with the relief work would not be tolerated.

The White House also tried to play down the differences, although it acknowledged that there was some divergence. Marlin Fitzwater, the president's press secretary, insisted that the two allies were "on the same wavelength" but, he said, the British "use slightly different words".

The US State Department said Mr Bush and Mr Baker were now "convinced that all parties are taking a serious approach to peace in the Middle East", though there was still "much work to be done, many questions to be answered".

In Luxembourg yesterday, the 12 European Community states agreed to ask the UN whether a war crimes trial could be held against Saddam for attacking other states, using chemical weapons against civilians and carrying out genocide against the Kurds.

They instructed Jacques Poos, the foreign minister of Luxembourg, which holds the presidency of the community, to discuss the practicalities of such a trial with Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, at their meeting in Strasbourg today. The ministers also endorsed a French plan for humanitarian aid centres in northern Iraq and the creation of "corridors" protected by the UN so that Kurdish refugees could return to their homes safely. The idea builds on the British safe havens proposal, but officials said the idea could avoid the danger of creating permanent refugee sites.

Mr Hurd, who emphasised that the priority was to get the Kurds down from the freezing mountains on the Turkish border, told the Commons that British efforts were now being extended to the Iranian border as well.

He said Britain was vigorously pursuing its plan for safe havens. "Our aim is to create places and conditions in which the refugees can feel secure. We are not talking of a territorial enclave, a separate Kurdistan or a permanent United Nations presence. We support the territorial integrity of Iraq."

The Iraqi decision to allow UN access coincided with a flurry of UN activity; Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, the co-ordinator of the UN relief efforts in the Gulf, has arrived in Baghdad to finalise the relief deal, other officials are travelling to see the areas teeming with refugees, and the leader of a UN ceasefire monitoring team has been sent to discuss the creation of a demilitarised zone on the border with Kuwait.

Mr Suy said negotiations with Iraqi officials on Sunday had yielded "complete agreement" that UN workers be given access in both the north and south to help with relief work and to ensure that no reprisals were taken against Kurds returning to Iraq. He said about 100 staff from groups such as Unicef, the World Health Organisation and the World Food Programme would arrive shortly to oversee aid distribution.

In a meeting in Downing Street yesterday, the prime minister urged Yildirim Akbulut, the Turkish prime minister, to increase efforts to get the Kurds down from the mountains. He was given assurances that the Turks had not killed any Kurds and that they were not beating back the refugees to keep them out.

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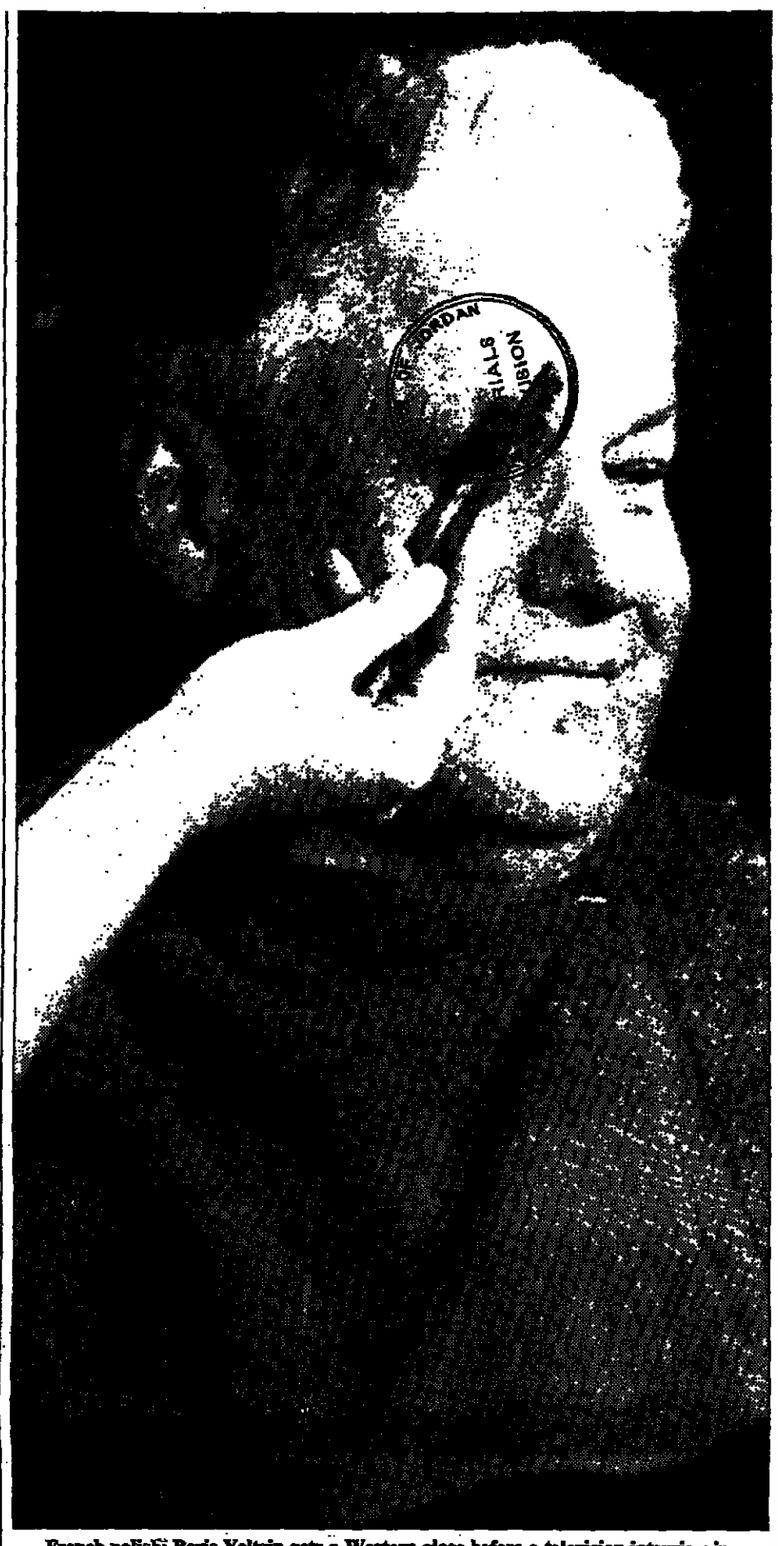

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Traffic-jammed all the way to the Eurobank

Mr Major revelled in the prestige, but the hazards of the Embankment could not have pleased President Mitterrand. Alan Hamilton reports

Le style, c'est tout. There is not a lot of *style* in creeping along the Albert Embankment in a traffic jam, even if you are in a Rolls-Royce, and *especially* if you are the President of France.

Francois Mitterrand and his colourful protégé Jacques Attali may well have been thinking yesterday that they had collected the duff end of the bargain when they agreed that, in return for the new European Bank for Reconstruction and Development being headed by a Frenchman, its HQ should be in London.

Had the inauguration of M Mitterrand's pet scheme for aiding the economic development of eastern Europe taken place in Paris, the Champs Elysées would have been cleared to allow a presidential motorcade, flanked by a phalanx of motorcycle-mounted gendarmerie, to speed to the Pompidou Centre, or the Louvre glass pyramid, or perhaps the Musée d'Orsay, or some other suitably show-off venue, for the opening ceremony.

But this was London. The borrowed Rolls, flying the presidential tricolour, was flanked only by three yellow-anoraked police motorcyclists, a police Range Rover and a black Jaguar, and was detained long enough at the congested roundabout by Lambeth Palace, it may be reasonably assumed, for the President to overhear tambourine and handclapping practice for Friday's archepiscopal enthronement.

The venue was not much either, but the best London could offer. International Maritime House, an undistinguished concrete pile on the South Bank facing the Millbank Tower, is the only headquarters of a major global organisation in London, and as such was apparently the only place which could offer the necessary press, translation and security facilities. A few flower tubs had been distributed about the place for the occasion, small recompense for a mildly chaotic air.

John Major arrived in black Jaguar and seemed to find it all most agreeable. No one even noticed the arrival of Valentin Pavlov, prime minister of the Soviet Union; the USSR's infinitely more recognisable president was too busy to come in person.

That the European Bank is in London at all is a triumph of intensive British lobbying, and ultimately an Anglo-French carve-up. The French, whose idea it was in the first place, wanted a French president and a Paris headquarters; they got a French president.

That having been agreed with Margaret Thatcher, Mr Attali, the bank's president, came to London expecting to be allocated a headquarters near Buckingham Palace, or at the very least in Trafalgar Square. Mrs Thatcher sent him instead to look for a site in the London Docklands, a proposal which did not go down at all well. For the time being, the bank's headquarters are divided between temporary City office accommodation in Broadgate and Leadenhall Street, while the search continues for a suitably prestigious permanent home.

Attali: Mrs Thatcher suggested Docklands

M Attali, who travels everywhere by private jet and likes things done with a flourish if at all, should have been somewhat mollified by lunch yesterday. John Major hosted him, his president, and heads of government, within the baroque glories of Lancaster House, which have more than a touch of Louis XIV about their style. The Dover sole was English, but the corn-fed chicken, if current supermarket commercials are to be believed, may have crossed *La Manche* for the occasion.

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Princess points to tragedy of Africa

By Bill Frost

WHILE the eyes of the international community remained fixed on the suffering of Kurdish refugees on the border between Iraq and Turkey, Africa was facing the worst tragedy in the continent's history, the Princess Royal said yesterday. She told the Royal African Society conference that in Sudan alone 4.5 million children might starve to death in the current famine. Drought and crop failure had brought the country to the brink of collapse, she said.

The Princess, who is president of the Save the Children Fund, praised the "remarkable" world effort to ease the suffering of the Kurds. However, she said it was inevitable that events in the Gulf region were keeping the famine in Africa, and the damaging effects of the continent's continuing civil wars, out of the headlines.

Africa was facing "its greatest crisis" and only a concerted co-operative approach would solve it, said the Princess Royal. She told conference delegates at St John's College, Cambridge, that Africa was being driven off the world agenda by neglect. "At the moment Africa is not on the front pages. The international response to the plight of the Kurds has been remarkable. But the largely untold tragedy in Africa is yet to be revealed.

" Africa must be placed

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Labour's fair rates disputed

By Douglas Broom
Local Government Correspondent

TWO professional accountancy bodies have refused to endorse the Labour party's claim that its alternative to the poll tax would save £140 per household.

Labour spokesmen have made much of the fact that the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (Cipfa) had "endorsed" the party's claims for its fair rates scheme to replace the poll tax. Bryan Gould, the party's environment spokesman, cited expert opinion in response to Conservative party accusations that Labour had "double counted" the effect of the £1.7 billion poll tax reduction scheme.

Labour's reliance on Cipfa's endorsement led Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, to write to Noel Hepworth, director of the institute, challenging Labour's claims. In a reply published yesterday Mr Hepworth said: "Cipfa has not prepared calculations for or endorsed

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EC lifts most bans on Pretoria

By David Watts, Diplomatic Correspondent

THE European Community lifted most of the remaining sanctions on South Africa yesterday, clearing the way for exports of iron, steel and krugerrands. For the present, bans on the export and import of arms, on military co-operation and sporting contacts remain, but rapid progress is being made towards removing international sporting barriers against Pretoria.

At their summit in Rome last December, EC heads of government agreed to end the ban on new investment in response to President de Klerk's efforts to abolish apartheid. They said the other sanctions would go when legislation was introduced to scrap the remaining pillars of apartheid — the Group Areas Act and the Land Acts. Those have now been abolished.

Yesterday, EC foreign ministers meeting in Luxembourg took the decision to lift most of the remaining sanctions despite a plea from the European parliament last Friday to allow the assembly to debate the issue first. The parliament has generally been a strong advocate of sanctions.

But the ministers felt that since there was no legal reason for the parliament to be involved and the summit decision had been clear, they should act immediately.

Tristan Garel-Jones, the Foreign Office minister argued that Mr de Klerk's government "has made significant moves toward a fully-integrated, non-racially biased society in South Africa". He urged his colleagues to reconsider the other sanctions against South Africa, including the embargo on sporting contacts and oil sales. Asked whether he was in favour of lifting the arms boycott, Mr Garel-Jones said: "I think it is somewhere down the road."

The decision was immediately criticised by the African National Congress: "The kinds of things that were protested about prior to the implementation of sanctions are still here," Saki Macozoma, an ANC spokesman, said in Johannesburg.

"All that one has heard are noises that they (apartheid rules) may be removed, and for many people it doesn't (appear) that with the current violence, they'll even live to see those things," he said.

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Pulpwash gives orange juice experts the pip

By Robin Young

FIRST claret, then real ale, now the humble orange juice. You can't trust even the real thing any more, according to agriculture ministry scientists. They have discovered that so-called "pure" juices on sale in Britain could be up to 43 per cent orange-flavoured water, known in the trade as pulpwash.

The ministry has been taking samples of "pure" fruit juices in supermarkets with a view to prosecuting the retailers under food labelling legislation. During research on sampling methods used abroad, the scientists found that pulpwash is obtained by soaking squeezed oranges in water and then squeezing them a second time. Pulpwash was present in ten out of 21 samples taken by the ministry in its initial research. Express Pure Orange Juice was the worst, with 43 per cent pulpwash, followed by Safeway Pure Juice with 36 per cent.

The researchers also found that juices labelled "unsweetened" often contain substantial quantities of beet sugar or corn syrup. Twelve of the 21 samples were found to contain beet sugar and five had corn syrup. In Sainsbury's Jaffa Orange Juice more than 35 per cent of the sugar in the juice was found to derive from sugar beet. The same company's Pure Orange Juice had 34 per cent pulpwash and more than 15 per cent beet sugar.

The highest concentration of corn syrup was found in Supreme Fields Jaffa Juice, which derived more than a fifth of its sugar from that source. One fifth of the sugar in the Safeway Pure Juice came from sugar beet, as did more than 10 per cent in the Express Pure Juice. Other offenders included the Co-op, whose Pure Orange Juice was found to contain more than 15 per cent beet sugar and 22 per cent pulpwash; Prince's Choice Juice, which had more than one tenth of its sugar from beet and contained 27 per cent pulpwash; Boots, whose Pure Juice was analysed as being one third pulpwash; Marks & Spencer, whose St Michael Jaffa Juice was found to contain both 15 per cent beet sugar and a dose of corn syrup; and Super Life Pure Juice, which had 24 per cent pulpwash.

Companies whose juices were found to be unadulterated in the ministry analyses included Del Monte, De l'Ora, St Ivel and Waitrose.

Most orange juice is concentrated in the country where it is pressed. It is then transported in tankers to the United Kingdom to be reconstituted with water before bottling or packaging. The samples analysed were of these allegedly pure and unsweetened reconstituted orange juices, not the "freshly squeezed" varieties, which sell at higher prices.

Food regulations allow up to 1.5 per cent sugar to be added to juice before it has to be described as sweetened, but the ministry findings revealed that at least seven main suppliers were using ten times that amount without any declaration of sweetening on the pack.

Sainsbury's said last night: "We had previously analysed our juices without identifying any problems, but since the ministry report our suppliers have had to tighten up." Marks & Spencer said: "We are carrying out further tests at our own laboratories and at our suppliers."

APPEAL FOR KURDISH REFUGEES

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Farmers plead for action to stave off EC grant reforms

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

AGRICULTURAL reforms that could seriously damage the interests of British farmers are in danger of being adopted by the European Community because the government has failed to offer any credible alternative, the National Farmers' Union said yesterday.

David Naish, who took over from Sir Simon Gourlay as the union's president in February, said: "Gone are the days of simply saying 'no' to everything that comes out of Brussels. We need a European solution and the government must ensure that it provides a secure framework for British agriculture."

Mr Naish is to meet John Gummer, the agriculture minister, tomorrow, on the eve of the annual Commons debate on farm support. He will press the case for the union's own "supply management" policy, for which he claims to have secured the backing of farmers in France, Germany and most other EC states.

Unveiling the latest version of the policy at the union's headquarters in London, Mr Naish said he believed that it offered the best way of maintaining farmers' incomes and avoiding food surpluses, while meeting the objections of those farmers who wanted the option of farming without subsidies. The main idea is that farmers would continue to enjoy guaranteed prices, and protection against cheaper food imports from outside the Community, provided they accepted compulsory curbs on production. These might take the form of limits on land under crops, on fertiliser used per acre, and on the number of breeding animals.

Farmers who felt that they could be more profitable without price subsidies could choose not to accept production limits. They would have to pay a levy equal to the difference between the supported internal EC price for the product concerned and the lower price prevailing on the world market outside the Community.

Earlier this year, Raymond MacSharry, the European agriculture commissioner, proposed a radical reform of the common agricultural policy that would cut EC support prices by almost half in some cases, but compensate farms of less than 75 acres with direct grants for the resulting loss of income. Hardly any British farms would qualify for such grants. Mr Gummer has roundly condemned the MacSharry proposals while offering few reform ideas of his own.

Daniel Robinson on his way to Greenside school yesterday with his grandparents, Terry and Nora Robinson

Children kept out of school in protest over virus carrier

By PETER DAVENPORT

PARENTS of up to 60 pupils at an infant school kept their children at home yesterday in protest at the presence of a boy aged seven who is a carrier of the hepatitis B virus.

Daniel Robinson arrived two hours after his fellow pupils on the first day of the new term at Greenside infants' school at Almondbury, Huddersfield, to find that only 93 of the 153 children on the register had turned up. Parents have protested to the local education authority about the decision to allow Daniel to take up a place at the school, and some have consulted a solicitor about the possibility of applying for a court injunction to prevent him attending.

They said yesterday they were concerned about possible health risks to their children and called on Kirklees council at Huddersfield to provide free vaccinations for them before they returned to school.

Council officials have told the parents that they have taken medical advice, which says that the risk of the virus being passed on is minimal and that vaccinations are unnecessary. The virus could be spread only through blood or bodily fluid contact.

A spokesman for Kirklees council said that although the boy was a carrier of the hepatitis B virus he was not suffering from any of its symptoms and his health was unaffected by the disense. Jenifer Devlin, the council's chief education officer, said yesterday: "I am disappointed that some parents have chosen to keep their children off school. I hope they will reconsider their decision.

"All the medical advice from official experts in the area health authority and the Department of Health in London has been that there is no reason why a child who is a carrier of hepatitis B should be excluded from school."

She said that the education department had agreed with that view.

Daniel, who contracted the virus from his mother at birth, is cared for by his grandmother, Nora Robinson, aged 52, who is his legal guardian. The protest began when she moved house and Daniel had to change schools.

"People are being narrow-minded and ignoring the facts," Mrs Robinson said.

Joan Allen, who kept her son Francis, aged five, at home yesterday, said: "All the children should be vaccinated and until that is done we shall continue to keep our kids away. Without the vaccine the risks are too high."

Heroin seizures double in a year

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE and customs officers seized almost twice as much heroin last year as in 1989, according to provisional figures from the national drugs intelligence unit.

Seizures rose from 351kg in 1989 to a record 609kg last year and cocaine seizures grew from 498kg to a record 605kg, the figures show.

There is evidence, however, that substantial supplies are still getting through, in spite of British investigators' largest effort to curb trafficking. Street prices of drugs are not rising, which suggests that individual drug consignments are getting bigger.

Among the drugs that attract less publicity, seizures of amphetamine, the second most widely abused drug, more than doubled from 108kg in 1989 to 274kg last year, also a record. LSD seizures rose from 146,000 doses to 295,000 doses. Only cannabis, the most widely abused drug, showed a drop, falling from 59,369kg to 31,358kg last year.

Twenty-five years after mass recreational drug use first took hold in Britain, a survey has suggested that there are more than 100,000 heroin addicts and a million people who use cannabis each year. The battle against drug abuse continues unabated, although the political spotlight has moved elsewhere.

This year, customs investigators believe that the South American cocaine traffickers will redouble their efforts to flood the European market. There is already concern about the growth of large cargoes of heroin on the "Balkan Trail", linking processing laboratories in Turkey and south-west Asia to Europe. Interpol held an international conference at its French headquarters in February to debate the problem.

Crack, the powerful derivative of cocaine, has yet to fulfil the drestructive forecasts made for it. It is regularly being sold, however, in three London areas. In one of them, Brixton, police made 42 arrests in February alone. Raw LSD has been finding its way into Britain from three laboratories on the west coast of America.

Britain's first line of defence is the international community and an intelligence network formed by police or customs investigators posted to key capitals. Britain has 18 customs officers abroad and six police officers in Europe and America.

Success depends on the officers themselves and on host countries. Even within Europe there are doubts about the defences among some Mediterranean countries and The Netherlands is viewed by investigators as Europe's drug warehouse.

Britain's second line of defence is the ports. Last year customs officers seized 589kg of heroin and 561kg of cocaine. After years of rivalry, customs investigators and police are co-operating more widely. The partnership will grow with the creation of a national criminal intelligence unit and reorganised regional crime squads.

Unionists ask for heat relief

MEMBERS of Britain's biggest civil service union are demanding the right to be sent home when the weather gets too hot so they can bathe or shower to cool down and limit the risk of fainting (Tim Jones writes).

This is particularly necessary in buildings with faulty air conditioning or poor ventilation, according to a resolution to be debated at next month's conference of the white-collar Civil and Public Services Association.

Delegates to the conference are also demanding that future conferences should be held at a Butlin's camp to ensure that egalitarianism prevails.

One senior union official, dismayed by the resolutions, said yesterday: "Why don't you just write that Britain's craziest union is holding it's annual conference next month."

The resolution on temperature comes from the Manchester and Salford Customs and Excise branch. After two hot summers, members are angry that while regulations exist to protect workers from extreme cold, they have no protection against working in excessively hot conditions.

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 states that employers must maintain a "reasonable temperature" of not less than 16 degrees Celsius (60.8 degrees F) after the first hour.

Alf Lloyd, an assistant national secretary of the the AEU engineering union, whose foundry members brave molten metal in their work, said: "My men work in the real world, far away from Whitehall. If things get too hot we vary shifts to work when outside temperatures are cooler. I do agree, though, there should be legislation to protect workers from extremes of temperature."

Smaller £20 banknote on the way

A smaller £20 note will come into circulation from June 5, the Bank of England announced yesterday. It is the second new banknote in the past 12 months; the updated £5 note was updated in June last year.

The note, measuring 80mm by 149mm compared with the 90mm by 160mm size of the present one, will feature a new portrait of the Queen, with the scientist Michael Faraday replacing William Shakespeare on the other side.

Over the next three years the £10 and £50 notes will be updated, the bank said.

IRA man jailed

Paul Martin McEvoy, a self-confessed IRA man, was jailed at Belfast crown court yesterday for 16 years for attempted murder and given 399 years in concurrent jail terms for other terror-related crimes. He pleaded guilty to 44 offences, including five murder attempts on security forces. He had joined the IRA after the murder of a friend by a loyalist group.

Whale action

The Labour and Liberal Democrat parties have launched campaigns to forestall any government support for a resumption of commercial whaling, which will be suggested at the International Whaling Commission conference next month. More than 100 MPs of all parties have signed a motion condemning the idea. Parliamentary questions and an early day motion have been put down.

Assault case

A male strip-a-gram dressed as a policeman handcuffed a young woman and forced a sex aid inside her clothing when he appeared at her birthday party at a restaurant in January last year, Kingston crown court was told yesterday. Michael Crosby, aged 32, a former stockbroker of Tottenham, north London, denies 11 charges of indecent assault while working as a stripper. The trial continues today.

Canoe verdicts

A Gosforth doctor drowned with his son on the swollen River Coquet after he declared "You only live once," an inquest at Ashington, Northumberland, was told yesterday. They were the last words of Dr Simon Warren, aged 35, before he steered his kayak over an 8ft weir followed by his son James, aged 14. Verdicts of accidental death were recorded on Dr Warren, and his son.

Welsh welcome for hero of the greens

By JOHN GOODBODY
SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE small Shropshire town of Oswestry is preparing a heart-felt welcome for Ian Woosnam, who returns today after winning the 55th Masters in Augusta, America. Friends and relations have been celebrating in the farmhouse home of his parents ever since the Welshman ensured the fourth consecutive British victory in one of golf's four major tournaments.

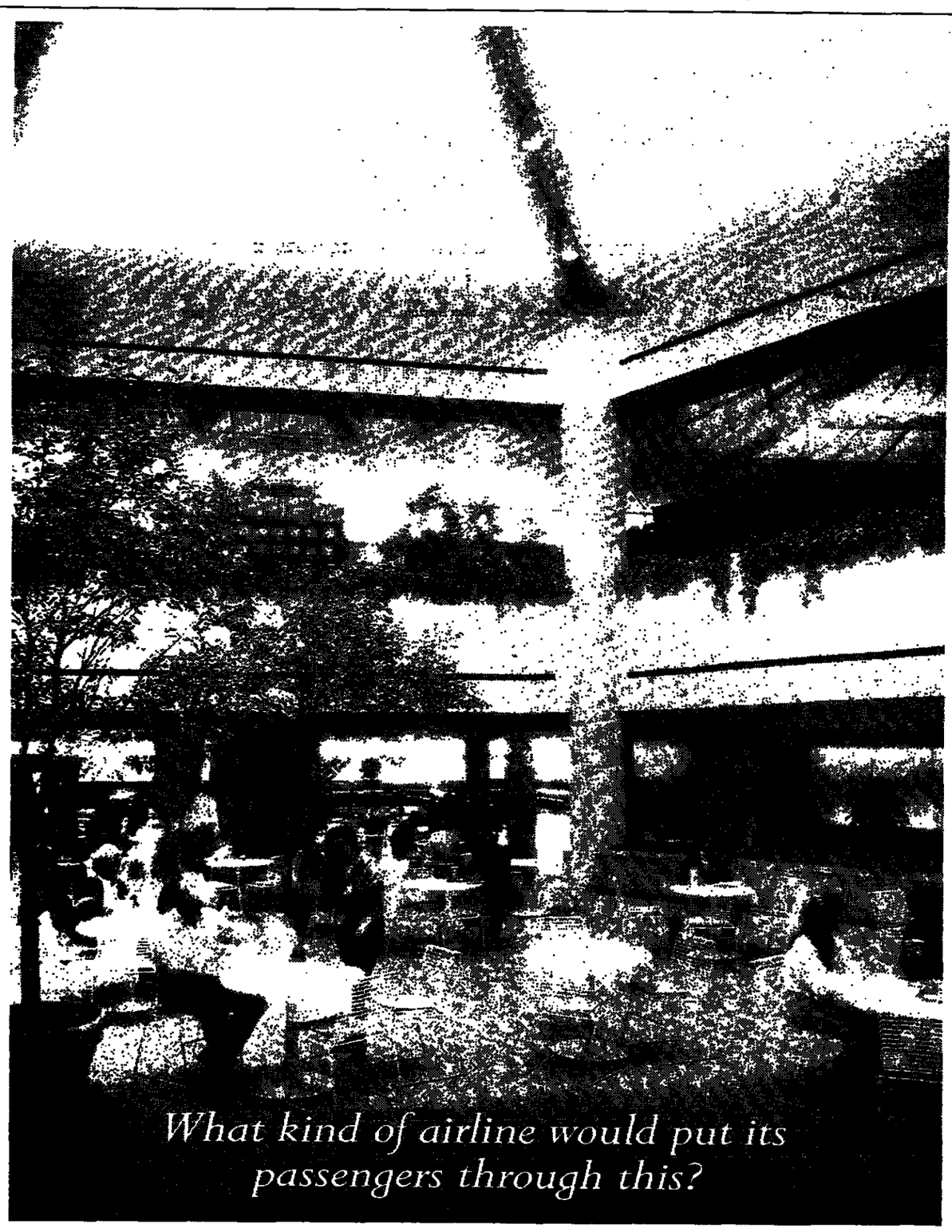
Woosnam said his parents had wanted to accompany him to the United States but his father Harold had a booking to sing in a Welsh hospital male-voice choir at the Albert Hall. However, both the Welsh and English were united in their acclaim for Woosnam, whose parents farm at St Martin's, two miles from Oswestry, where Shropshire meets Wales.

Although his father had to be in London for his singing date on Saturday, he was back in front of the television on Sunday night for his son's triumph. His mother said that recent successes had not changed Ian. "He is still the same person he always was."

Harold Woosnam has always been unwilling to hear Ian speak negatively. One day, he listened to his son bemoaning that Tom Watson — who in Augusta finished two strokes behind the Welshman — was in a different league from him as a player. "Why is Tom Watson so different?" asked his father. "Has he got three arms or three legs? Forget Tom Watson. Think about Ian Woosnam."

Glendryth Woosnam: crowded out in Augusta

Woosnam said his mother was patient and very relaxed, whereas his father was a "fiery, lively king of a guy. I think I have inherited a bit of both of them." He was constantly encouraged by his parents to develop his talent during his youth in Oswestry, where the golf club is planning a welcome-home party for Ian, his wife Glendryth and two children. Glendryth missed much of her husband's triumph. Like Ian, she is only 5ft 4in tall, and could not see over the crowd in Augusta.



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Baker acts to enforce EC security standards in campaign aimed at beating £400m a year crime

Car makers 'must help to lock out the thieves'

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

THE government is pressing the European Community to impose new security standards on car manufacturers in an effort to cut auto crime, which costs Britain nearly £400 million a year.

Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, is joining forces with Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, to draw up measures to be applied to all new cars manufactured within the EC to stem the big rise in car thefts. Proposals will be put to the EC by the summer demanding a higher level of security, from door locks to shatter-proof glass, in cars made in the 12 member nations.

The move was disclosed yesterday as Mr Baker unveiled Britain's first "car theft index", which provides owners with a list of models most vulnerable to being stolen. The taking of cars or theft of contents accounts for a quarter of recorded crime, but the impact of car crime spreads further, with one in four stolen cars never recovered and cars stolen by joy-riders 200 times more likely to be involved in an accident.

Mr Baker said he hoped the index would provide a spur not only for manufacturers to improve security, but also to car owners. "The effects of car theft are both immediate and far reaching. We all pay for car theft through increased insurance premiums and the costs of police time in dealing with it and of prosecuting offenders. All too often the human costs of car theft are borne by innocent victims of road accidents involving stolen cars."

British models dominate the "high risk" category drawn up by Home Office officials. Experts took the numbers of each individual model on the road and calculated the proportion stolen over a one-year period up to October, examining the records of more than 80,000 stolen cars. The result is an intensive list of models and their vulnerability to thieves, who took more than 490,000 cars in England and Wales last year. High-performance cars are the most popular for theft, with models such as Ford Escort XR3 and Vauxhall Astra GTE providing a target for thieves.

They are categorised as "very high risk" by the Home Office and Mr Baker said that high-performance cars were three times more likely to be stolen. Popular Ford cars — such as the Cortina, Capri, Escort Mk II, Fiesta Mk I and Granada Mk II and III, mainly out of production now — appear in the highest risk category, along with the Vauxhall Astra Mk II model.

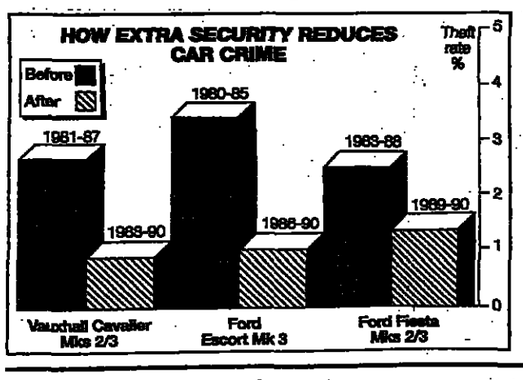
There are an estimated eight million Ford cars on the road, a fact which the company said may account for its high scoring in the theft index. Ford said: "As there are more of our cars on the road, then it seems likely that we would figure greatly because of the sheer numbers of Ford cars which are about."

New Ford cars feature deadlocks, alarms and windows etched with the registration number. Vauxhall said its new generation of Astra cars, due for launch in September, would have deadlocking systems, substantially upgrading the deterrent value.

Ministers believe that while huge amounts have been invested in better performance, car security has been largely neglected. To reinforce that view, the car theft index showed a dramatic reduction in theft rates in models in which manufacturers had introduced extra security measures, such as deadlocks and window etching.

They are the kind of measures which Mr Baker wants introducing throughout Europe, but British government proposals are already meeting resistance from France and Spain. That is mainly because they have rates of car theft a long way below those of Britain.

However, drivers could also do much to help themselves, according to government statistics: a quarter of drivers forget to lock their cars.



JAMES GRAY

Crime prevention drive: Woman Police Constable Louise Bishop showing Jemma Craven a new steering wheel lock to deter joy-riders

Driving out a deadly addiction to stolen speed

DEAN Law says he needs only a few minutes to get into the most secure car, even if it has an alarm. The 26-year-old was a veteran joy-rider, who took cars mainly for the buzz of *adrenalin (Kevin Eason writes)*.

His story is typical of thousands who find that taking cars is an expensive addiction, and one that costs the country £400 million in insurance claims annually. Weary traffic policemen say that a revolving door could be the most useful asset in courts dealing with youngsters who steal cars. They despair over the thousands such as Dean who can *feed their habit simply* because cars are easy to break into.

There were 39,000 cars taken in London last year by joy-riders. The greatest penalty most face is the loss of their own lives or those of innocent bystanders caught up in a high-speed chase. Five people were killed in Northumbria alone last year, and another two elsewhere last week, according to the home secretary yesterday.

Concern is growing that the courts offer insufficient deterrent for young offenders embroiled in an epidemic of car crime. Taking a car without consent carries a maximum of six months' imprisonment, while driving without insurance — an offence which could have serious implications for innocent victims in a crash — could mean a £1,000 fine.

Dean Law was sent to a remand home as a teenager, where he earned remission for his good behaviour. But he was still tempted to steal a car when allowed home one weekend. The penalty had little effect and Dean looks back ruefully on 13 years of taking cars, including involvement in the sort of police chases he knows to be dangerous.

Many young offenders such as Dean are unemployed and stand little chance of owning the glamorous cars they steal. They might not be deterred but they can be educated not to steal cars. Dean is discovering this since being referred by the courts to the Bordesley Activity Centre in Birmingham.

He spends three days a week learning about car safety and maintenanse. Like all the 150 *people referred to the centre* each year — almost entirely young men — Dean is also building his own "banger" to be raced on a private track run by probation officers. The hope is that he will drive out of his system the urge to take cars.

Law, repentant joy rider: "Alarms can be beaten"

The course, Dean admits, has given him "a deep sense of guilt", and 60 per cent of Bordesley's clients do not reoffend. Dean does not want to go back to his old ways, but says that cars are too easy to get into. "Alarms can be beaten now," he says. "I fitted engine cut-outs to my old car. After all, it takes a thief to know how to keep a thief out."

MODELS MOST VULNERABLE TO BEING STOLEN

High Risk

Ford Capri Mk2
Ford Capri Mk3
Ford Cortina Mk2
Ford Cortina Mk3
Ford Cortina Mk
Ford Cortina Mk5
Ford Escort Mk1
Ford Escort Mk2
Ford Fiesta Mk1
Ford Granda Mk2/3
Rover Metro Mk2
Vauxhall Belmont
V'xhall Astra Mk2

Medium Risk

Alfa Romeo 75
Alfa Romeo Alfasud
Alfa Romeo Alfetta
Alfa Romeo Giulietta
Audi 90
Audi Coupe
Aus/Mor 1100/1300
Aus/Mor 1800
BMW 1/2/3000
BMW 300
BMW 500 (E12)
BMW 500 (E28)
BMW 600 (E24)
BMW 700 (E23)
Dacia
Daihatsu 4-trak Mk2
Daihatsu 4-trak Mk2
Daimler Sovereign
Fiat 132
Fiat Croma
Fiat Mirafiori
Fiat Strada Mk1/2
Ford Capri Mk1
Ford Classic/Corsair
Ford Escort Mk3
Ford Fiesta Mk2
Ford Fiesta Mk3
Ford Granada Mk1
Ford Granada Mk4
Ford Orion Mk1
Ford Sierra Mk1
Ford Sierra Mk2
Ford Sierra Sapphire
Hillman Minx
Honda Integra
Isuzu Troope
Jaguar XJ/XJS
Lada 1300
Lancia Beta
Lancia Delta
Lancia Thema
Landrover Discovery
Lotus Eclat
Mazda 323 Mk3
Mazda Montrose
Mazda RX
Mitsb/Colt Celeste
Mitsubishi/Colt Cordia
Mitsubishi/Colt Lancer
Mitsubishi/Colt Sapporo
Mitsubishi/Colt Shogan
Mitsubishi/Colt Sigma
Morris Minor
Datsun Bluebird Mk1
Nissan/Datsun Patrol
Nissan/Datsun Silvia
Nissan/Datsun Violet
Nissan/Datsun Z/ZX
Opel Ascona
Opel Kadett
Opel Manta
Opel Senator
Peugeot 504
Peugeot 604
Porsche 911
Porsche 924
Porsche 928
Porsche 944
Range Rover
Renault 30
Rover 2000
Rover 200 Mk2
Rover 400
Rover Maestro
Rover Metro
Rover Mini
Rover Montego
Saab 900
Seat Marbella
Simca 1100
Datsun Carina Mk1
Toyota Celica
Toyota Corona
Toyota Cressida
Toyota Hi-Lux 4X4
T'yta Landcruiser
Toyota MR2
Toyota Supra
Triumph 1300
Triumph GT6
Triumph Herald
Triumph Spitfire
Triumph Vitesse
V'xhall Astra Mk1
Vauxhall Belmont
V'xhall C'vller Mk1
V'xhall C'vller Mk2
Vauxhall Firenza
Vauxhall Nova
Vauxhall Royale
Vauxhall Velox
Vauxhall Viva HC
VW Golf Mk1
VW Golf Mk2
VW Jetta Mk2
VW Scirocco

Low Risk

Alfa Romeo 33
Aston Martin
Audi 80
Audi 100 Mk1
Audi 100 Mk2
Audi 200
Citroen CX
Citroen Dyane
Citroen GS/GSA
Citroen XM
DAF
D'hitsu Charade Mk1
D'hitsu Charade Mk2
Daihatsu Charmant
Daimler Double-Six
Fiat 126
Fiat 127
Fiat 128
Fiat Panda Mk1
Fiat Panda Mk2
Fiat Regata Mk1
Fiat Regata Mk2
Fiat Strada Mk3
Fiat Tipo
Fiat Uno Mk1
Fiat Uno Mk2
Fiat X1/9
Ford Anglia/Prefect
FSO
General Motors USA
Hillman Hunter
Hillman Imp
Honda Accord
Honda Ballade
Honda Civic
Honda Concerto
Honda Legend
Honda Prelude
Humber
Hyundai Pony Mk1
Hyundai Pony Mk2
Hyundai Steller
Jensen
Lada 1200
Lada 1500
Lada 1600
Lada Niva
Lada Riva
Lada Samara
Lancia Prisma
Lancia Y10 Mk1
Landrover 88
Landrover 90
Landrover 109
Landrover 110
Lotus Esprit/Elan
Mazda 121
Mazda 323 Mk1
Austin/Morris Princess
Mazda 323 Mk2
Mazda 626 Mk1
Mazda 626 Mk2
Mercedes Compacts
Mercedes G-Wagon
Mercedes S Class
Mercedes Sports
MG MGB
Mitsubishi/Colt 1200
Mitsubishi/Colt 1400
Mitsubishi/Colt Galant
Mitsubishi/Colt Tredia
Morgan
Morris Ital
Morris Marina
Nissan/Datsun Bluebird Mk2
Nissan/Datsun Cherry
Nissan/Datsun Laurel
Nissan/Datsun Micra
Nissan/Datsun Prairie
Nissan/Datsun Stanza
Nissan/Datsun Sunny Mk1-4
Nissan/Datsun Sunny Mk5
Opel Monza
Opel Rekord
Peugeot 104
Peugeot 205
Peugeot 305
Peugeot 309
Peugeot 405
Peugeot 505
Proton
Reliant Scimitar
Renault 4
Renault 5 Mk1
Renault 5 Mk2
Renault 9
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Renault 21
Renault 25
Renault Espace
Renault Fuego
Rolls Royce
Rover 200 Mk1
Rover 60-110
Rover 800
Citroen BX
Saab 900
Saab 95/96
Saab 99
Seat Malaga
Singer
Skoda Estelle Mk1
Skoda Estelle Mk2
Skoda Favorit
Subaru 2WD
Subaru 4WD
Subaru Justy
Sunbeam
Suzuki SJ
Suzuki Swift
Suzuki Vitara
Talbot Alpine
Talbot Avenger
Talbot Horizon
Talbot Samba
Talbot Solara
Talbot Sunbeam
Talbot Tagora
Toyota Camry
T'yta Carina Mk2
T'yta Carina Mk3
Toyota Corolla
Toyota Starlet
Toyota Tercel
Triumph 1500
Triumph 2500
Triumph Acclaim
Triumph Dolomite
Vauxhall Carlton
V'xhall C'vller Mk3
Vauxhall Chevette
Vauxhall Victor/VX
V'hall Viva HA/HB
V'hall/Op Senator
VW Beetle
VW Derby
VW Jetta Mk1
VW Passat
VW Polo
VW Santana
Volvo 140
Volvo 160
Volvo 440
Volvo 480
Volvo '200'
Volvo '300'
Volvo '700'
Zastava Yugo
Bentley
BMW 500 (E34)
BMW 700 (E32)
Citroen 2 CV
Citroen AX

Saunders suffers serious illness, court told

By PAUL WILKINSON

ERNEST Saunders, the jailed former chairman of the Guinness group, is suffering a serious neurological disorder, the Court of Appeal in London was told yesterday.

Saunders, aged 55, is in Ford open prison serving a five-year sentence imposed last August for his part in an illegal share support operation that allowed Guinness to win a £2.7 billion takeover battle in 1987 for the Distillers group. Few details of his illness were disclosed at the opening day of his appeal against conviction and sentence, but the court was told that Saunders faced a "very serious health issue" that would have a "very substantial effect" on his case.

His counsel, Antony Shaw, said that several doctors would give evidence that would have a relevance not only to his sentence but also to his conviction. John Chadwick, QC, for the Crown, said that Saunders had been examined for the prosecution by a neurologist whose initial report was at variance in some aspects with the findings of the defence doctors.

Saunders, wearing the same grey suit he had worn throughout his trial last year, sat apparently unmoved as his condition was discussed. As the hearing continued he slumped deeper in his seat, his head resting on his hand and his eyes often closed.

Gerald Ronson, aged 56, chairman of Heron International, who was jailed for a year and fined £5 million, and the stockbroker Anthony Parnes, aged 46, who was jailed for 2½ years, are also appealing against their conviction and sentence. They were found guilty after a seven-month trial at Southwark crown court of charges of theft, false accounting and conspiracy in breach of the Companies Act.

Opening Ronson's appeal, his counsel, Michael Sherrard, QC, said that the main part of his case was that the trial judge, Mr Justice Henry, had, at the end of an otherwise impeccable summing-up, misdirected the jury as to the defendants' honesty in relation to the charges of conspiracy under section 151 of the Companies Act. The judge had suggested that dishonesty had been proved.

Ronson had been paid a *£5 million success fee for* buying Guinness shares to boost their value and his case had always been that he had acted honestly, based on advice from Parnes and some of the most respected figures in the City. Mr Sherrard said: "The fatal infection caused by the misdirection on a count of dishonesty cut across the whole indictment." The pro*secution had to prove its case* "from John O'Groats to Land's End, but the way the learned judge put it allowed the prosecution to begin somewhere south of Birmingham".

An additional part of his appeal was the way in which the judge had summed up evidence from the prosecution's main witness, the former finance director of *Guinness, Olivier Roux*. "This diminished his evidence in the jury's eyes," Mr Sherrard said. "This meant the prosecution's journey to Land's End began, not south of Birmingham but south of Exeter."

Earlier, the judges rejected a request from the Crown for the hearing, scheduled to run until the end of next week, to be taken in camera. Mr Chadwick argued that reporting could prejudice a second trial arising out of the Guinness affair that was to start on April 29. Both defendents in the second trial, the merchant bankers Lord Spens and Roger Seelig, appeared to say that they had no objection to the appeal being reported.

The hearing continues today.

Council chief is suspended

By RONALD FAUX

THE chief executive of a Cumbrian council, which lost more than £5 million when a Lake District timeshare project collapsed, was suspended on full pay yesterday.

Tony Perry, chief executive of Allerdale district council, Cockermouth, was told that allegations had been made about him over the redevelopment of the Keswick railway station site as a timeshare project. Council enquiries started last February and are continuing. Dale Campbell-Savours, Labour MP for Workington, has called for a *government enquiry*.

Mr Perry, with the council 27 years and chief executive for five, was summoned yesterday to meet senior councillors who told him of the allegations. "I could hardly believe what I was hearing. There has obviously been some mistake. I have no idea what the allegations are. I am very shocked indeed," he said.

Mr Perry said he had been instructed not to contact any councillor or council employee or go into any council building. He understood the allegations were made in a report by Chris Hart, the council's monitoring officer and solicitor. The timeshare project was for holiday lodges on the site of the former station. The Swiss bank that financed the project served a High Court writ on the council. It claimed £5.23 million for breach of contract.

GARY TROTTER

Memorial sculpture: Sue Jane Taylor, an artist and sculptor, with a section of the memorial she is creating in tribute to the 167 men who died in the Piper Alpha disaster on July 6, 1988. The work is near completion at a foundry in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Miss Taylor, aged 30, was commissioned by the Piper Alpha Relatives and Survivors Association after they rejected plans by Grampian council for a monument that one person had described as "basically a boulder on the beach with a plaque on it". The government gave £40,000 to the £100,000 project and the oil companies £14,000. Sue Taylor, from the Black Isle, was chosen because it was felt that she understood the realities of the oil fields. She had been drawing men on the rigs for four years.

The memorial will consist of three 7ft bronze figures, depicting different types of rig worker, around a block of local "Coreannie" granite on which will be inscribed the names of those who lost their lives. Grampian council has donated a site at Hazelhead Park, Aberdeen, which will be renamed "The North Sea Rose Garden". The unveiling will be on July 6.

Missionaries hit by Livingstone disease

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

ALMOST 120 years after David Livingstone died, broken by disease and despair in a remote African village, British missionaries are afflicted by the same occupational hazards that hastened his demise.

A survey of the health of more than 200 missionaries in this month's issue of the *British Journal of General Practice* shows that bouts of depression and malaria are most likely to darken their daily work. Sixty per cent of those repatriated for health reasons had psychiatric illnesses.

Livingstone was found dead, kneeling in an attitude of prayer at his bedside, on May 1, 1873, in Chitambo, in what is now Zambia, just 18 months after being tracked down by Henry Morton Stanley. The Scottish missionary-explorer was 60 years old, racked by malaria, which had killed *his young wife*, and exhausted by his travels across the continent.

"In many ways, life unfortunately is not much different for missionaries today," Roger Peppiatt, co-author of the study, and former medical officer to the overseas division of the Methodist Church, said yesterday. "They are thrown into an often hostile environment, short of money, equipment, and support. They serve the poorest people in the poorest parts of the world. They cannot be seen to be living in splendour while others are trapped in poverty, so their own housing is likely to be humble. Loneliness and isolation are the norm."

The survey looked at 212 missionaries who had worked in 27 countries, most of them in Africa, and who shared an aggregate of almost 500 years in the field. The findings suggest that missionaries would benefit from psychiatric screening before leaving home, and should have shorter tours abroad.

"Livingstone was often deeply depressed. A week before his death he recorded in his notebook that his work had little pleasure." John Moore, of the Livingstone Centre, in Blantyre, Lanarkshire, said yesterday. "Between 1853 and 1856 he suffered 30 attacks of malaria, and his wife died on the Zambezi river of the disease when she was 40. By the time Stanley found him, he was worn out mentally and physically, his supplies had been stolen and he had no medicines. He was almost at the end of the road."

● A four-day international conference on malaria at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine ends tomorrow.

CPS lawyers to fight Bar rules

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

LAWYERS in the Crown Prosecution Service and other government departments have written to the Lord Chancellor in what amounts to a challenge over Bar Council rules preventing them taking cases in the crown court. James Nursaw, QC, the Treasury Solicitor, who heads the government legal service, has written to Lord Mackay of Clashfern questioning whether the rules are in breach of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990.

The move, a first step in an attempt for rights of audience in the crown court and above for the 3,000 lawyers in the service, could lead to a tough battle between the Bar and Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, the Attorney-general, who is responsible for the CPS and the government legal service. All crown court work for the service and CPS is handled by barristers in private practice and in the year up to March 1990, counsel's fees cost the CPS alone nearly £49 million.

The Bar opposes granting government lawyers crown court rights and the issue is emerging as one of the toughest to come out of the government's legal reforms. Of the 3,000 government lawyers, 1,000 are barristers and the rest solicitors. Service and CPS solicitors do not have crown court rights because those rights are denied to all solicitors; barristers however are prevented by the Bar's own rules. Mr Nursaw has asked the Lord Chancellor whether the Bar rules are compatible with the principle in the act, which insists that in granting rights of audience the sole criterion should be whether the advocates are members of a professional body that has appropriate rules of training and conduct.

The Lord Chancellor is likely to refer the issue to his new advisory committee. Although the government has paved the way for breaking the Bar's monopoly of rights of audience in the higher courts, the detail of which lawyers should be allowed into what courts has been left largely to this new committee.

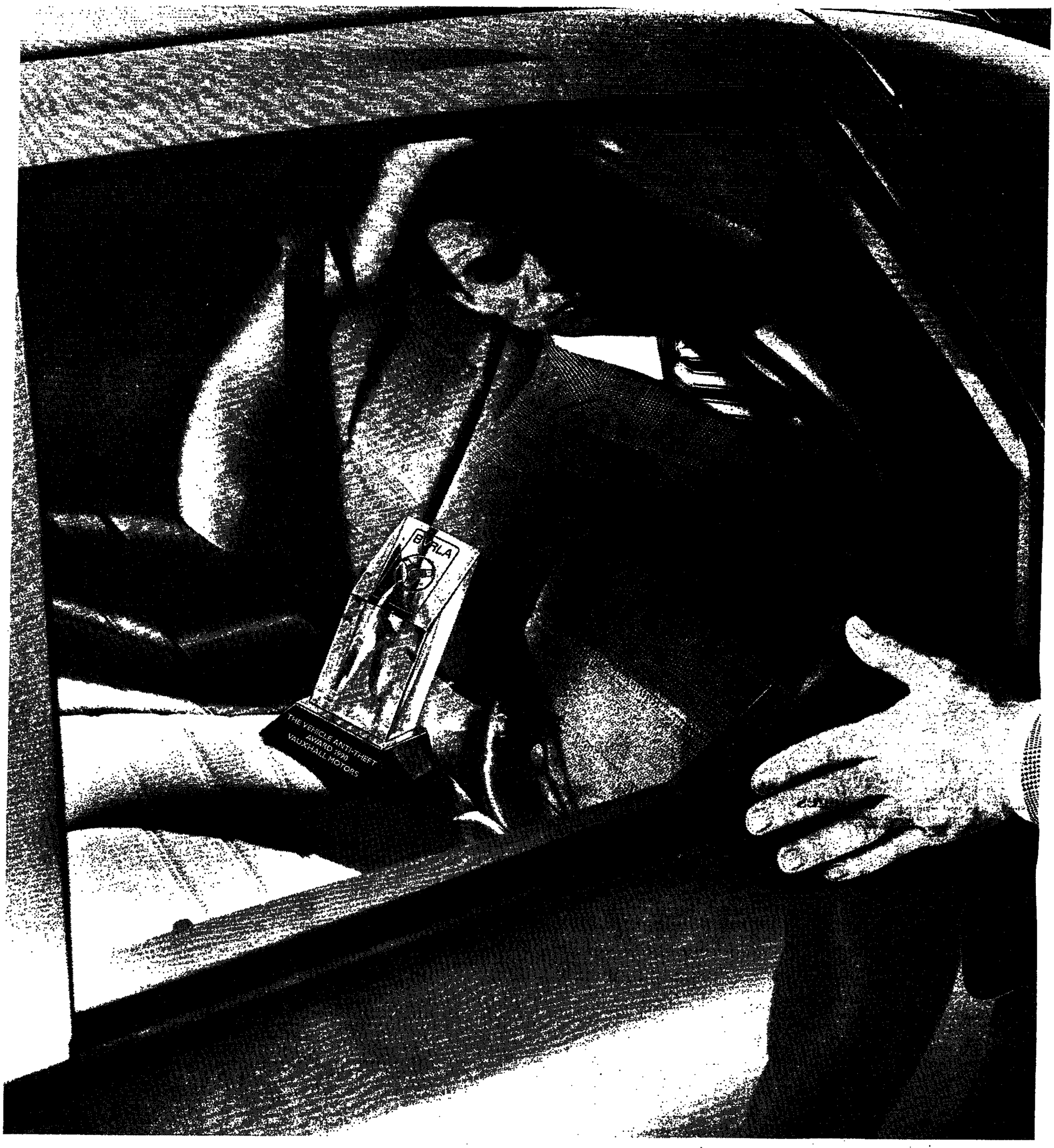
Solicitors seek halt to cell interviews

CHIEF constables are to be urged to ensure that solicitors, particularly women, do not *have to interview clients in* police cells (Frances Gibb writes). The move follows concern about solicitors' safety, particularly when they are dealing with potentially violent suspects.

According to Tony Holland, president of the Law Society, women solicitors often have to interview clients in cells because of a lack of interview rooms. In a letter to the London Criminal Courts' Solicitors' Association, he says that panic buttons frequently fail to work and that solicitors are being put at risk.

The association will discuss the problem today with the committee of the Legal Aid Board with national responsibility for the duty solicitor scheme, which serves suspects held at police stations.

In the *Law Society Gazette* this week, an articled clerk from Erith, Kent, said that she found the experience of being locked "in a small, dark and dank cell extremely intimidating" and called for action before someone is hurt.



OTHER MANUFACTURERS WOULD LOVE TO GET THEIR HANDS ON IT.

Auto-theft is the commonest crime in Britain. Figures show that a car can be broken into in less than 30 seconds. And that a car is stolen every 19 minutes.

So is anyone doing anything about it?

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Schools are ordered to publish truancy rate

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

SCHOOLS will have to publish their truancy rates as part of a government campaign to reduce the number of children who deliberately stay away from school and frequently become involved in petty crime.

John Patten, the Home Office minister, said that there was a close link between offending and truancy. A recent Cambridge survey showed that 48 per cent of offenders had been truants.

"One way we can stop children of five, six, seven and eight growing into offenders and stopping them becoming criminals at 10, 11, 12 and 13 is by hitting truancy. The aim is not to punish children but to get them help so that we can prevent them falling into a career of offending," Mr Patten said.

Announcing the government campaign yesterday, Michael Fallon, the schools minister, said that all schools in England will have to register pupils for both morning and afternoon sessions from this August and report their truancy rates for each school year from August 1992. The maximum fine for parents who fail to ensure that their children attend school regularly will rise from £400 to £1,000 under the Criminal Justice Bill now before Parliament. The courts would also have the power under the Children's Act to bind over parents when children offended, or issue orders enforcing school attendance or stopping children going out after a certain time at night.

Mr Fallon said: "Truancy is directly linked to poor educational attainment and to delinquency. If young people do not attend school they lose their greatest opportunity to fulfil their potential. Schools have not always tackled truancy with sufficient seriousness and we want to ensure that they get more serious."

The publication of truancy rates, which will cost about £300,000 a year, will help parents decide which school to choose for their children and allow comparisons to be made between neighbouring local authorities, he said.

A 1984-8 survey of 40,000 pupils aged 15 showed that 6 per cent had stayed away from school for days or weeks at a time. The school inspectors reported that in 1988 the average attendance in primary schools was 91.9 per cent, compared with 89.5 per cent in secondary schools.

Mr Fallon said that truancy was a problem in a significant number of schools, particularly in the last year of compulsory education.

Orkney case goes to appeal

AN APPEAL has been lodged against the Sheriff's judgment in the Orkney case of alleged child abuse, it was disclosed yesterday.

The appeal was lodged on Friday by lawyers for Gordon Sloan, acting reporter to Orkney children's panel, the sheriff clerk depute at Kirkwall sheriff court, Orkney, confirmed.

Sheriff David Kelbie threw out the case 11 days ago at a proof hearing saying that it was "fundamentally flawed". He recommended that the nine children from four families be reunited with their parents as soon as possible. The children, aged eight to 15, had been in foster care with no contact with family, friends or relatives for five weeks.

The appeal was made by stated case, which means Mr Sloan and his legal advisers can examine the Sheriff's judgment in detail before deciding whether to take their appeal to Scotland's supreme court, the Court of Session in Edinburgh.

In a statement issued on behalf of Mr Sloan yesterday Strathclyde regional council said: "It is considered that the appropriate forum for discussion of the appeal is the Court of Session and not the media."

The Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children welcomed the appeal "because it is essential that the full extent of the evidence in this case is heard".

Kelbie: said case was fundamentally flawed

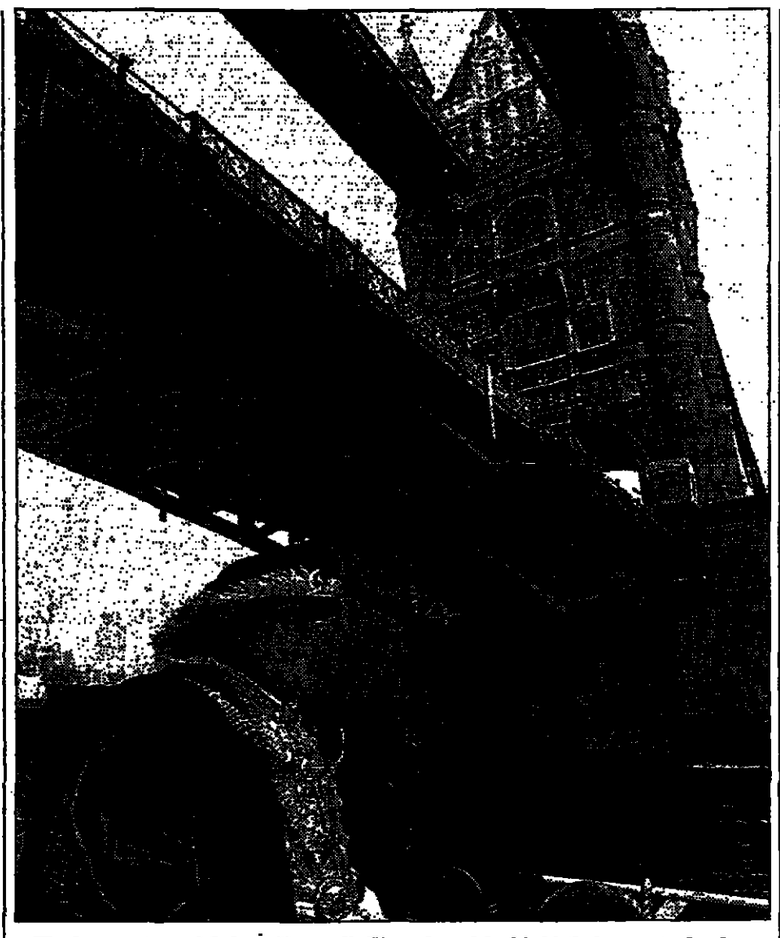
Clarke to protect colleges

KENNETH Clarke, the education secretary, promised yesterday to prevent more colleges from suffering two years of planning blight before they gain independence (John O'Leary writes).

A white paper next month will set out details of arrangements for funding the colleges, which are to be removed from local authority control in 1993. Measures to prevent local authorities removing buildings from college use have already been taken.

Mr Clarke conceded that the changes ran the risk of placing a blight on new developments. Some authorities were reluctant to make commitments for long-term projects for institutions they were about to lose. Mr Clarke said he would seek to claw back any money earmarked for further education but used for other projects.

In his address to a conference that marked the establishment of a Further Education Marketing Unit, Mr Clarke said that from 1993 most funding would be allocated according to student numbers. The arrangements would make it necessary for colleges to sell themselves.



Head man returns: Madame Tussaud's Henry bound for his birthplace yesterday for the May 1 opening of "Henry VIII at Greenwich" to mark his 500th anniversary

Catholic women complain of church gender block

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN in the Roman Catholic Church experience widespread frustration and discrimination and their gifts are seriously under-used, according to a report published today.

The report, the first of its kind in the Catholic church in England and Wales, found that patriarchal structures excluded women from decision-making and leadership. Invariably, men laid down the rules and celibate men made decisions affecting women, the report says, adding: "At every level, women said they were just not being allowed to use their talents."

Many women have gifts and skills that could be developed into full ministries but are blocked by gender restrictions, the report claims, while many parish priests are unable to relate to women effectively. In one parish, an illegitimate child brought to the priest by the mother was refused baptism. Another woman claimed that her priest publicly called her a sinner after she had a sterilisation operation at the age of 27, after the birth of five children.

One woman said: "The laws the church makes are nearly all to do with sexuality and they're made by men who haven't got a clue. It's always a man up there ruling."

A number of respondents noted the lack of women saints, apart from nuns and virgins, leaving most women with no role model. They called for "alternatives to the Virgin Mary versus prostitute images offered". Many said discrimination was worse in the church than in society.

The report, *Do Not Be Afraid*, by the National Board of Catholic Women, a consultative body to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, was compiled from responses to a discussion paper based on sections of the Pope's apostolic exhortation *Christifideles Laici*.

There were responses from about 4,000 women, including school governors, doctors, bankers, secretaries, researchers, civil servants, nurses, theologians and marriage-guidance counsellors. The paper was the first step in a process of consultation begun after the bishops called for a regular contribution to help them understand the concerns of women in the church.

Most of the women who responded agreed that the church was male-dominated. According to the report, women wanted recognition as people and as full members of the church, but many feared being called "strident". The report found that the pejorative meaning attached to the word "feminist" deterred many from openly expressing their views.

Women were seen as the main organisers of community life in the parish and did as much as they were allowed to do. Many also noted that women made up the majority of most congregations. Yet, even when on parish councils or school governing bodies, they were rarely elected to the chair. Some said women should not seek recognition of their work. Large numbers blamed the attitude of the clergy, the hierarchical structure and the rules and traditions of the church as stumbling blocks.

The report was received last week by the bishops' conference, which noted the "sense of frustration felt by many contributors". The conference agreed that six bishops should be nominated to meet members of the Catholic women's board.

Do Not Be Afraid (Redemptorist Publications, Alphonsus House, Wolf Lane, Chawton, Alton, Hants, GU34 3HQ; £2.50)

New face behind Napoleon's clock

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND, ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

NAPOLEON'S carriage clock, probably invented by the obsessively punctual general for his Egyptian campaign of 1798, broke the record for the type when it fetched SFr792,000 (£300,000) at Habsburg auction house in Geneva on Sunday. "I am forbidden to say anything about the buyer, even whether he is alive or dead," said Simon Bull, the clock expert.

Designed in what is the style for the modern carriage clock, the clock was a highlight in the biggest auction of timepieces by Abraham Louis Breuguet (1747-1823), the Swiss-born, Paris-based inventor extraordinaire whose clients included dramatis personae from both sides of the French Revolution and Napoleonic wars.

The 204-lot sale, which had a 25 per cent success in lots sold, took place simultaneously in two Geneva hotels with the auctioneers, Archduke Geza von Habsburg and Osvaldo Patrizzi, appearing on screens. Prices included a record SFr1.54 million (£616,000) for a new clock-cum-watch, based on a model of 1793 and made for the auction by the Breuguet company. Mr Bull considered this price "a bargain". The previous record had been SFr1.1 million for a platinum Patek Philippe calendar wristwatch.

However, a quarter-repeating clock made for the 7th Earl of Elgin sold on its lower estimate at SFr50,000.

☐ A whistle used by Herbert Pitman, third officer on the Titanic and taken from the sinking ship by him, sold for £3,410, triple its estimate, at Onslow's in London yesterday.

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Major rejects cash plea for crippled former servicemen

By PETER VICTOR

THE prime minister has rejected renewed appeals for compensation for ex-servicemen injured through negligence but unable to sue for damages because of a law that was repealed in 198..

Responding to a letter from Jack Ashley, the Labour MP who has long campaigned on the issue, John Major said Margaret Thatcher had outlined the reasons why ex-gratia payments to such servicemen could not be allowed and that he could see "no reason to take a different view".

The Times has reported the plight of former servicemen injured through negligence before December 1986. Under section 10 of the Crown Proceedings Act 1947, former service personnel were prevented from suing for damages for injuries sustained on duty. After a campaign by injured ex-servicemen and MPs, the Armed Forces Act 1987 removed that ban. It did not, however, provide compensation for the servicemen who led the campaign.

Mr Ashley, MP for Stoke-on-Trent South, wrote to the prime minister last month suggesting that the forthcoming Gulf service of thanksgiving and remembrance might trigger action to "correct a serious injustice to a group of disillusioned British disabled ex-servicemen". He had hoped the government's U-turn on compensation for haemophiliacs given HIV by donated blood products was an indication of the prime minister's independent stance.

Mr Major's written response made public yesterday said, however, that he had sympathy for the men, but that provision was made for those who had to be invalided, and pension and disability benefits took account of the degree of disability.

The prime minister's decision was attacked by ex-servicemen and campaigners on their behalf. Mr Ashley said: "This is a harsh injustice to loyal ex-servicemen who are terribly injured through no fault of their own. The prime minister should think again." Winston Churchill, Conservative MP for Davyhulme, said he would be stepping up pressure for ex-gratia payments to British nuclear test veterans, for which the government has also denied liability under section 10 of the 1947 act.

"The House of Commons defence select committee, of which I am a member, is asking the defence ministry for further particulars," Mr Churchill said. "Depending on those we will decide whether to press for a full committee of enquiry."

The Royal British Legion said it was committed to persuading the government to make retrospective the removal of section 10 of the Crown Proceedings Act. The Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association said it hoped the government would reconsider.

Carol Mills, secretary of the section 10 Abolition Group, said the decision meant a continuing nightmare for many ex-servicemen. "There's no other employer that could have got away with this."

Countdown to the May 2 elections: Wirral, heart of Labour's inner turmoil

BARRY GREENWOOD

Till death us do part: Birkenhead town hall serves as backdrop for happy couples, but is also the scene of a political marriage of convenience

The loner who cooled a hotbed of revolution

By RONALD FAUX

JIM EDWARDS, mayor of Wirral and a Labour party supporter "of the old school that enjoys open debates", does not mince words when he describes the state of socialism on Merseyside. "What has happened here and the way the leadership in Wirral has behaved is disgusting," he says.

"Because I expressed disquiet at the things we were being asked to support and spoke out about it, I was expelled. I think that people, Labour supporters, are now getting massively fed up with the slogans and the shouting. At the end of the day the law is the law and the bottom line in all this revolutionary posing is suffering for the public."

Expelled from the local Labour group and obliged to stand as an independent Labour councillor, Mr Edwards was made mayor through the tactical support of Conservatives and Liberal Democrats against the wishes of hard-left Labour councillors. His casting vote in an otherwise hung council has irritated the Labour leadership ever since.

Wirral, on the west bank of the Mersey, is a microcosm of the Labour party's anguish. The watchful attitude of Labour headquarters towards the local party has been marked by the NEC's suspension of Geoff Barker, deputy leader of Wirral council, and his rejection as prospective Labour candidate for Tranmere. Five alleged Militant supporters in Birkenhead have already been expelled from the party and five more names are being considered.

Mr Edwards believes that Wirral council's hard-left crusade has annoyed more than the NEC and will rebound against the party. He is aged 61, works in Birkenhead as a motor-trade salesman and joined the Labour party in 1943. "I left it in 1951 because I disagreed with party policy at the time. It was 21 years before I came back. That's the right way of doing it: you don't refuse to go and then try to subvert the party from within," he said.

Perhaps it was strong local resentment at the slide into ever deeper depression that led to more extreme political attitudes. Even so, Mr Edwards, with his mayoral car, has been able to frustrate some of the more extreme stratagems to emerge, including a scheme to spend £2,000 from the social services budget on free condoms for prostitutes and a move to appoint equal-opportunity co-ordinators in the education department at a time when the jobs of 307 teachers were under threat.

The council leader, Yvonne Nolan, has steadfastly refused to pay her poll tax and has campaigned against any cuts in council jobs and services, with the result that Wirral has been capped for setting a community charge, before the government intervened, of £476. "I believe it has backfired on them. The poll tax is bad but it is the law and a pensioner who saves up and pays is not going to be too impressed when the council leader refuses," said Mr Edwards. The local elections, he foresees, could bring dramatic changes.

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Grenade damages

A schoolboy whose hopes of following his father into the army were dashed when a discarded grenade exploded in his hand won £32,500 damages plus costs from the Ministry of Defence in the High Court yesterday.

Andrew Saunders, aged 12, pulled the pin out of the grenade when a friend took it to school after finding it at a military dump in March 1989 near Andrew's home at Temple Herdewyke, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. Andrew lost his left thumb, and has a scar on his arm. The ministry denied liability.

Birthright

A pregnant woman received a two-year suspended sentence at Lincoln yesterday for stealing £13,886 from a pub. The judge said it would be repugnant for Samantha Woolman, aged 24, to give birth in jail.

Footballer fined

Rodney Wallace, a Southampton and England under-21 footballer, was fined £400 yesterday for his part in a Southampton nightclub brawl. Wallace admitted using threatening behaviour.

£8m grant

An £8 million government grant was announced yesterday for a scheme to transform a derelict 90-acre site at Elland near Halifax, West Yorkshire, into a business park with up to 3,000 jobs.

Jogger attack

A jogger wearing a grey top dragged a woman aged 20 into a park and raped her at Southbourne Grove, Bournemouth, Dorset, police said.

Pitman may sue

Jenny Pitman, the racehorse trainer, of Lambourn, near Newbury, is considering suing Newbury council for damages after it dropped a charge accusing her of threatening an employee and forcing her out of a staff cottage.

Train death

A woman was killed yesterday when she was hit by the 6.11am express train from Stockport to Glasgow as it passed under a bridge at Shap, Cumbria, BR said.

Fans mourned

Mourners marked the second anniversary of the Hillsborough disaster in which 95 Liverpool fans died by laying roses at the ground.

Murder attempt

Raymond Hall, of Boston, Lincolnshire, who faced blackmail charges, was jailed for seven years yesterday after being convicted of attempting to murder his solicitor.

'Arthur Daley arithmetic' comes under Patten's fire

By Nicholas Wood and Robin Oakley

LABOUR has resorted to "Arthur Daley arithmetic" to justify its claims that its fair rates scheme would save the average household £140 a year, Chris Patten said yesterday as the Conservatives sought to regain the initiative in the campaign for next month's district council elections.

Labour, meanwhile, said that it had grabbed an early lead in the contest because the Tories had deserted so many inner-city areas and were not bothering even to put up candidates on May 2.

The Liberal Democrats counter-attacked by accusing the two main parties of using the local government elections as a trial run for the general election. It challenged them to produce proposals matching its own ideas for extending local democracy.

As Conservative Central Office began bombarding its candidates with briefing papers intended to demolish its opponents' rival prescriptions for financing local government, Mr Patten accused Labour of seeking to deceive voters. There was nothing remotely fair about its version of a property tax, he said. It would go back initially to a property register that was already 18 years out of date. Its plan to end charge-capping would mean giving high-spending Labour authorities the freedom to tax and spend at will.

Mr Patten reserved his strongest language for Labour's attempt to trump the government's Budget promise to slash £140 off every community charge bill. The Opposition's figures contained a "£1 billion blunder" over transitional relief and elsewhere were riddled with errors. "To add insult to injury, last week Labour produced a set of figures for 'fair rates' that were entirely bogus. They combined Arthur Daley arithmetic with a back-of-the envelope policy."

John Cunningham, Labour's campaigns chief, risked Mr Patten's scorn further yesterday by handing out a new page of sums. Claiming a "cracking start" for Labour, he said that its candidates had been elected unopposed in 186 seats in England, compared with only 129 Conservatives and 16 Liberal Democrats. "This is a reversal of the 1987 figures, showing increased Labour strength in the shire districts and a Tory collapse in the metropolitan districts."

Mr Cunningham said that Labour was fielding as many candidates as the Tories even though it was defending 2,000 fewer seats. The Conservatives were "running scared" in Doncaster, Barnsley, Rotherham and South Tyneside.

Mr Patten fired his broadside as he issued his candidates with rebuttals of Labour and Liberal Democrat proposals. The centre party's plans for a local income tax would create confusion in the short term and ghettos of poverty in the long term.

"Rates of local income tax would differ wildly between different areas. Even if the principles of an local income tax system were right, the logistics of such a system would preclude it."

David Bellotti, the Eastbourne by-election victor and party spokesman on local government, introduced a policy document calling for proportional representation, with councillors elected in multi-member wards based on local communities.

Patten: leading the Tory onslaught

Offensive adverts deplored

An attempt to ban "questionable advertisements" in newspapers was sidestepped by the government in the Lords. Earl Attlee (Ind SD) deplored "an increase in advertisements of an explicit pornographic nature". Holding up a copy of *Sunday Sport*, he said that he was unable to read the advertisements because they were so crude.

Viscount Astor, for the government, said that the Independent Committee for the Supervision of Telephone Information Services had announced last month that it intended to introduce stricter controls and would issue new guidelines within weeks.

Ballet cash

The government could not be expected to fund the London City Ballet simply because the businessmen who had supported it for 13 years had ended that support, Tim Renton, arts minister, said in the House of Commons.

Sudan aid

The government is providing a further 5,000 tonnes of food aid at a cost of £1.7 million for the famine in Sudan, Lynda Chalker, overseas aid minister, said in a written reply.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Health; prime minister. British Technology Group bill, remaining stages.
Lords (2.30): Criminal justice bill, committee.

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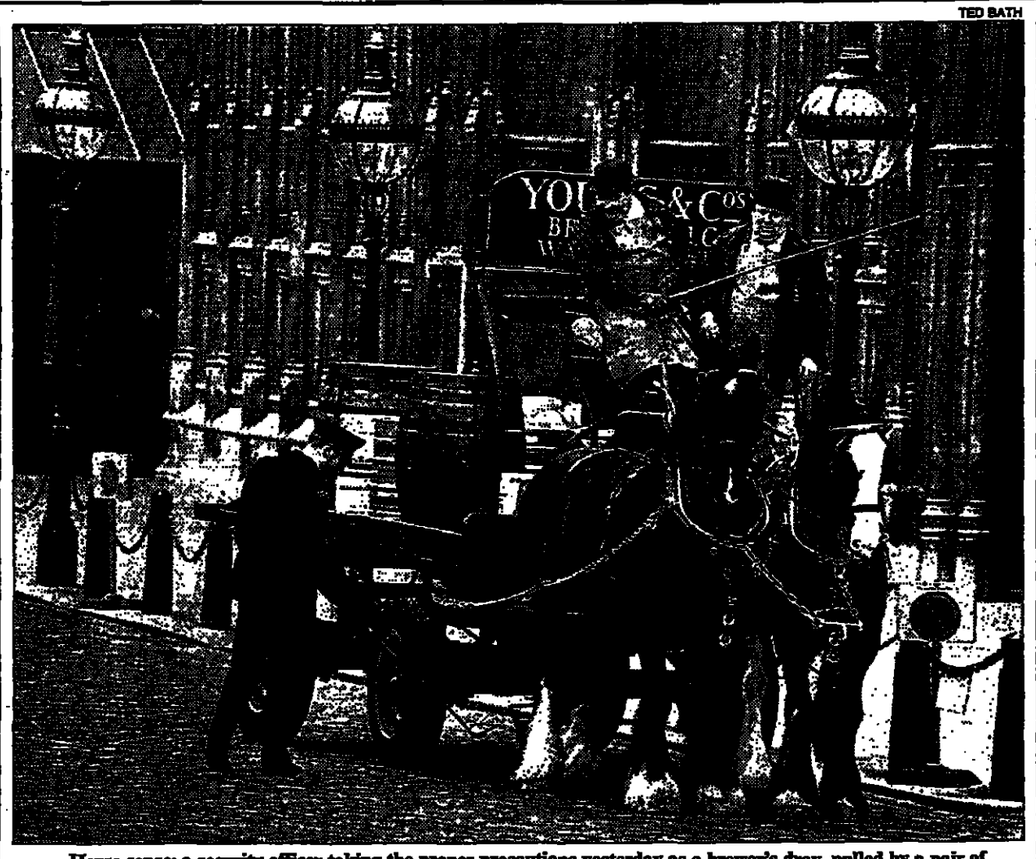

Horse sense: a security officer taking the proper precautions yesterday as a brewer's dray, pulled by a pair of shire horses, made the first delivery of real ale to the House of Commons in more than 20 years

Kinnock ready to ditch the old ideologies

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

ECONOMY

NEIL Kinnock will unveil Labour's latest policy document today with a new definition of democratic socialism that accepts the role of competition in the economy and rejects undue state interference in people's affairs.

In an introduction to the 20,000-word programme of policies for a Labour government, the Labour leader will mark the culmination of the party's four-year policy review by ditching the old ideologies of the command economy and crude free market economics.

A radical change in the way the United Kingdom runs its national finances is to be proposed in the document, entitled *Labour's Better Way for the 1990s*. Under a Labour government both the announcement of the public expenditure programme, published at present as the autumn statement, and the Budget would come together in the spring. Britain is one of the few countries that separates its decisions on spending, taken over the summer and announced in the autumn, and those on how the money will be raised.

Under the new plan proposed by John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, the processes would be run alongside each other so that the link between them would be clear in the public mind. The exercise would take account of the national economic assessment in which a Labour government, employers, trade unions will assemble to talk about the state of the economy in discussions, which the document says, "will be a crucial means of informing the participants in the collective bargaining process". It says that high inflation cannot be tolerated and is against everyone's interests.

In the document, approved yesterday at an all-day meeting of the national executive, Mr Kinnock defines democratic socialism in the following terms: "If individuals are to flourish and society to thrive in freedom, people need the means to develop their potential; economies need the vitality of competition that is both fair and efficient; and countries need the practical advantages and the self-confidence that come from a real sense of community.

"They need government that is accountable not arrogant, enabling not meddling. That is the essence of modern democratic socialism. With its core convictions of liberty, justice and opportunity for all, and its policies of investment in people and production, it gives us the vigour and vision that Britain needs for the Nineties."

Mr Kinnock says in his foreword that the task facing a Labour government would be the modernisation of Britain and its objectives would include building a world-class economy.

Left plans end to mortgage relief

By Our Political Correspondent

HOUSING POLICY

PROPOSALS to phase out mortgage interest tax relief on all new home loans are put forward today in a report from a left-wing think thank.

The report recommends that the £30,000 ceiling for relief be whittled away over 30 months at £1,000 a month. Existing borrowers would be protected and the change, it is claimed, would slow future rises in house prices.

Stephen Merrett, author of the report from the Institute for Public Policy Research, which has close links with Labour, acknowledges that eroding a tax break worth £6.5 billion a year would be hazardous politically. He calls for a non-aggression pact between the three main parties to get the measure through the Commons.

The money saved should be combined with funds released by ending other tax breaks, such as the zero-rating of value-added tax on new houses and ploughed back into a more generous system of housing benefit for poor families and bigger subsidies to councils and housing associations, the report says. Mr Merrett concludes that such reforms could be largely self-financing on the current-account side of housing policy.

He argues that, despite the £28 billion of public funds spent on housing last year, standards are falling, as witnessed by the plight of homeless people sleeping rough.

He proposes the creation of a state housing investment bank to make cheap loans to public and private landlords for new buildings, big repairs and renovations and acquisitions. The bank would raise its funds on the money markets and would be guaranteed by the Bank of England. Mr Merrett says that a change in Treasury accounting rules would allow a £1.5 billion house-building programme to be financed by public spending of £30 million.

The private rented housing sector would be revived by splitting it into two sectors. In the non-regulated market sector, landlords would charge market rents and receive no public subsidies, and tenants would be ineligible for housing benefit. In the regulated sector, landlords would qualify for grants to improve properties and would not pay tax on rental income. In return, rents would be fixed and tenants, who could apply for housing benefit, would have security of tenure.

Stephen Merrett: *Quality and Choice in Housing: a Framework for Financial Reform* (Institute for Public Policy Research, 30-32 Southampton St, WC2; £7.50 inc p&p).

Sniping upsets the Tories

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

CONSERVATIVES

CONSERVATIVE MPs returned to Westminster yesterday worried that the internal party sniping over John Major's leadership threatens to cause serious damage to the government's chances of re-election.

The spectacle of Labour's internal warfare in the early Eighties and the electoral damage it caused the Opposition haunts many backbench Tory MPs as they contemplate the criticisms of Mr Major during the Easter recess.

One Conservative MP with a safe constituency in the Southeast said: "People forget that, as well as Labour's unpopular policies in the early Eighties, the party was damaged by its divisions. The electorate would not suppport the party because it was so divided. They would not trust them with running the country. That is a lesson we must learn."

Several MPs criticised the damaging interventions by Sir Alan Walters, the former economic adviser to Margaret Thatcher, and the Bruges Group. "They do not have to run for election and seem oblivious of the damage such attacks do, not just to the prime minister but to the party," one MP said.

Although ministers are trying to rally the party behind the prime minister, some backbenchers believe that the sniping may continue until Mr Major has won his own mandate from the electorate. Others point to opinion polls showing Mr Major's personal popularity as evidence that the electorate prefers his consensual style of doing business to the pugilistic leadership of his predecessor.

"The activists had certainty for 15 years; now they have to think a bit and they find it a bit unsettling," an MP said. "In my surgery I find others, not Conservative activists, who like the fact that the prime minister consults and listens and it is those people we must persuade to support us if we are to win."

As the government prepares its replacement to the community charge, several MPs report that anger over the poll tax is declining as an issue in their constituencies. Some from southern constituencies, however, remain apprehensive about the impact of a property-based tax.

"A year of rapid expansion of our services."

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Referring to his address at the last AGM prior to the Society's change in year-end, Mr McLintock recalled that the successes of 1989 had been "due in no small part to the emphasis we had placed on the quality of our mortgage lending, rather than the pursuit of volume alone.

I also highlighted our plans for new activities. The past year has strengthened our belief that those decisions were right."

Notable achievements over 15 months

"Conditions in the retail savings market were disappointing last year. However, we increased our assets by 20% and our lending by 43%.

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Extraordinary tax item

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The year ahead

"We hope for a firmer and more active housing market in 1991, without the rapid surges of the late 1980's.

On the savings front, we see no reason why the year should not continue the satisfactory pattern of its early months.

In this improving climate, we hope there will be a gradual reduction in borrowers' problems. We believe prospects for the Woolwich are good. 1991 will be a year of consolidation and expansion, with growth in our existing businesses, rather than from entirely new ventures."

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Parents put weight behind Lords' life sentence revolt

By Sheila Gunn, Political Correspondent

TWO years ago a group of parents of murder victims went to the Lords to argue before the select committee on murder and life imprisonment for changes in the treatment of murderers.

On Thursday, their arguments will influence the vote in the Lords on whether to abolish the mandatory life sentence for murder and allow judges to set fixed-term sentences.

Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, opposes abolition for fear of headlines accusing the government of going soft on murderers.

The parents do not agree. They are backed by most of the law lords, including Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, who will rebel against the government in Thursday's vote. The government case against abolition will be presented by Lord Waddington, leader of the Lords and the former home secretary; nevertheless, despite heavy whipping of backbench Tory peers, a government defeat seems possible.

The parents agreed that mandatory life sentences should be replaced by a more flexible system in which judges would state in open court the recommended length of sentence they believed to be appropriate to each case.

David Howden led the delegation as chairman of the Parents of Murdered Children group. His daughter Tessa, aged 19, was killed by an intruder in her bedroom five years ago. Her killer was given a life sentence.

Yesterday, he said: "All of us agreed with the [Lords] committee report and we certainly do not want the government to go soft on murderers. But it is at the moment. With all other crimes, if the sentence is too lenient you can appeal against it. With murder there is a recommendation to the home secretary. But it is secret so there is no chance of appealing against it.

"Life sentences are in most cases 10 or 12 years, which is ridiculous. I do not think there is any public confidence in the present system." Mr Howden said: "If you ask any member of the public what they think a life sentence should be, they would say for life".

Ten years ago Margaret Buttle's son, aged 24, was battered to death by two men in the street. One man was charged with manslaughter and released from prison after serving 18 months and the other was charged with murder, given a life sentence and is still in prison. She wants each case to be judged on its merits, with more lenient treatment in certain circumstances, such as crimes of passion or mercy killings, and a "true" life reserved for the worst murders.

IRAQ

Rebel Kurds regroup for attack on key cities

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

IRAQI Kurdish guerrillas, no longer hampered by their families now in refugee camps on the Iranian and Turkish borders, say they are returning to fight President Saddam Hussein's forces and are confident that they can win back key northern cities in fighting that would plunge Iraq into a prolonged civil war.

In southern Iraq, the Shia rebellion has flared again, according to the media in Iran, which last week admitted that Iraqi exiles had crossed back into Iraq to fight government forces. Government forces briefly seized the Kurdish-held town of Arbat near the Iranian border on Sunday, but were driven out within hours, losing 70 troops, a Kurdish spokesman said. Twenty-nine more Iraqi troops were captured, including Colonel Hussein Ali Jurjes, who led the force.

Kurdish spokesmen said for the past two weeks the *peshmergas* were weakened as an offensive force as many units were needed to accompany fleeing Kurdish civilians into the mountains. They reported many clashes with government forces trying to attack the refugees in what they insisted was Baghdad's policy to rid Kurdistan of Kurds. Jalal Talabani, a veteran Kurdish leader, said *peshmergas* still controlled eight towns in northern Iraq and, as more returned from the Iranian border, they would soon be in a position to retake Sulaymaniyah. He said they were setting up army camps in the hills around the city. Mr Talabani, speaking from a command hideout near the city, said the *peshmergas* had plenty of weapons which they seized from army forces last month

The Kurds pride themselves on their guerrilla warfare which, they say, evens out the advantage the government forces have in heavy weapons.

Washington's warning to Baghdad last week that government forces must not venture north of the 36th parallel means that Kurdish guerillas are no longer vulnerable to attack by helicopters against which they were virtually defenceless. Sulaymaniyah, however, is south of this line.

Kurdish spokesmen insist that Saddam's forces are continuing to attack refugees in defiance of Washington's warning, but it has not been confirmed that helicopters have been involved.

The Iraqi government, anxious to improve its image, told Eric Suy, the United Nations envoy in Baghdad, that it would co-operate with UN efforts to alleviate the plight of the Kurds. After Saddam's renewed amnesty on Sunday, the Iraqi media painted an unlikely picture of thousands of delighted Kurds "pouring" back into northern towns. The Iraqi news agency said: "The returning families greeted the singular and wise leadership of President Saddam Hussein in his heroic and decisive confrontation of the evil plot to strike at the unity of the Iraqi people and encroach on their great achievements."

Western journalists in northern Iraq have confirmed that the rebellion there is not over, but the situation in the south has been more difficult to judge. The Iranian media, which support the rebellion, are quoting refugees daily who say rebels are ambushing government forces in Basra, Tanuma and other southern cities. Observers say Iran may have helped to breathe new life into the Shia revolt by sending weapons across the border. Iran has denied Baghdad's accusations that Iranian forces have crossed over to foment trouble.

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Battle for survival: Kurdish refugees fight for loaves on a relief truck near at Cukurca. America is trying to provide one meal a day for 700,000

IRAN

Soldiers lord it over refugee 'dogs'

From EDWARD GORMAN IN SALMAS

THE grins on their faces said it all: the soldiers were enjoying the sense of power they had over those clamouring for a piece of bread below them. One young soldier, like the nine or so others atop the lorry, seemed to offer the two loaves in his hand, but snatched them away at the last moment.

The soldiers were using wooden staves to fight off the strongest of the men trying to climb the sides of the lorry. It was, as one Kurd observed, a matter of the fittest surviving.

After a few minutes the novelty of being top dog seemed to wear off and the soldiers began throwing loaves wildly into the crowd, the way peasant farmers around here throw grain into the air to dry it in the sun. "There's only bread and a piece of cheese and they throw it to us like you feed dogs," muttered Majid, aged 33, a rough-looking driver from the Iraqi Kurdistan town of Kirkuk. "The Iranians do not regard us as human," he added, watching his countrymen scrambling around the lorry. "Saddam threw bombs on us, and now the Iranians throw bread."

The Kurds in this newest of refugee camps, set on a desolate plain about 90 miles from the border, are finding it hard to face up to the consequences of their decision to flee. While most still maintain they will not return to their homes until President Saddam Hussein is dead or removed, some are wondering whether they have done the right thing. Hanna Kurdshed, an English teacher in a pink cardigan and a blue flower-patterned dress, has already decided she has had enough. Although she does not trust Saddam, she regards the conditions in Iran as intolerable, and she wants to see her mother and brother, both left behind in Iraq.

A Bangladeshi doctor working at the camp has noticed similar views among arriving refugees in the past few days. "After coming, they tell us they have made a mistake because they have left everything in Iraq and because they are without shelter and without food," Dr Rafiq Islam said.

In fact the Iranians have won praise from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, officials here for the speed with which they have set up tent camps like these along the border. As the scale of the exodus became apparent, Salmas was literally created out of nowhere last week by bulldozers digging a trench in the dust which now marks its perimeter.

Iranian Red Crescent officials estimate that about 30,000 Kurds are already inside the camp. Yesterday lorries, cars and tractor-trailers were bringing yet more people from the border, but there is a long way to go before refugees in camps such as these will enjoy anything like comfort.

Only about half the families in Salmas have tents, the rest are still sleeping in the open. There are no sanitation facilities, only very limited supplies of water and a meagre daily diet which consists of bread and a little cheese — if you are lucky enough to get it from the lorry.

Perhaps more significantly, the Kurds are beginning to resent the strictures imposed on them by their hosts, who forbid them to leave the camp once they have entered it. Some suspect they have been brought here to keep them away from the border areas, where the high-profile presence of the Iranian army in the countryside suggests that there are fears in Tehran that an insurrection could be brewing in the Kurdish areas of Iran.

The refugees continue to plead for more help from the West and seem not to believe that plane loads of blankets, tents, food and cooking stoves are finally on their way.

TURKEY

Ankara rescues 2,000 from camp

From ANDREW FINKEL IN SILOPI

TURKISH officials yesterday began to move thousands of Iraqi refugees from a freezing and fetid mountain camp to a tent city in the plains which will give them access to running water, medical treatment and relief aid.

Over the next few days Turkey hopes to bring down about 20,000 of the 150,000 people who have been living in appalling conditions at Isikveren camp under constant threat from hunger, cold and disease.

Yesterday, about 2,000 Kurds previously stranded on the mountain border had their first proper food and secure accommodation at Silopi in what is normally a way-station for Turks making the pilgrimage to Mecca. In clear view is the mountaintop above Isikveren, the largest of the refugee centres, where the news was broadcast over loudhailers yesterday morning that some of the refugees were to be moved. The response was either apathy or incomprehension. But there was chaos when a lorry arrived with food. Refugees mobbed the vehicle, pushing one another out of the way.

At one o'clock yesterday the first refugees to accept the offer of relative freedom walked down the hillside. They were all members of the Sindi clan, the largest of the Kurdish tribes at Isikveren. To avoid splitting up families, Kurdish clan leaders were given the responsibility of who should leave Isikveren first. They descended to the tarred road, where they were registered and asked to enter a fleet of coaches to take them

Ozal: reassured that the refugees will go home

on the three-hour journey to the pilgrimage centre outside Silopi.

Turkey's decision to provide more secure sanctuary for some 20,000 people is an attempt to prove goodwill towards the refugees, although Ankara is concerned that the southeast of the country should not become one huge refugee centre. President Bush has, however, assured President Ozal, who personally ordered that the refugees be moved, that the Kurds will return to Iraq once President Saddam Hussein is ousted, the *Hurriyet* newspaper said.

The Silopi camp, nearly 40 miles inside Turkey, has lavatories and running water. Turkish officials said two mobile hospitals, each with a capacity of 200 beds, would be set up there. The Turkish Red Crescent is preparing a second camp to house 15,000 refugees at Semdinli.

The lucky ones yesterday were hopeful that all their friends and relatives would eventually be able to join them. But conditions for those left behind at Isikveren improved dramatically after 60 American soldiers arrived there on Sunday night, the first batch of America's "Operation Provide Comfort". Some 3,500 US troops have arrived in Turkey to help with the relief effort.

Israelis send aid flight

Jerusalem — Israeli airmen yesterday began loading emergency medical equipment, clothing and blankets on an air force transport plane for the Kurdish refugees pouring into Turkey. The $24 million relief effort is being underwritten by the health, defence and foreign ministries (Our Correspondent writes).

The aircraft was to leave early today for southeastern Turkey. The supplies will be distributed to the Kurds by the Turkish Red Crescent society. Private aid collections also are under way and more shipments are expected. The airlift is the latest in a long but sporadic relationship between Israel and the Kurds.

New ministers

Kuwait City — The new Kuwaiti cabinet to be named within a few days could include new defence, finance and oil ministers and may exclude four members of the royal family, the information ministry revealed. *(AP)*

Refinery reopens

Nicosia — Iraq has reopened its first oil refinery since allied aircraft destroyed or damaged them all in the Gulf war. The Iraqi News Agency said the Baiji refinery near Kirkuk will supply more than two million gallons of petrol and other products daily. Before the war it processed 15 million gallons of petroleum a day. *(AP)*

Planes dispute

Nicosia — Iran's foreign minister, Ali Akbar Velayati, said only 22 Iraqi warplanes remained on its territory, the Iranian official news agency monitored here said. This argues with Iraqi claims that more than six times that many were being held. During the Gulf war more than 100 Iraqi planes went to Iran. *(AP)*

CHRIS HARRIS

Peace corps: army officers, led by Colonel Graut Peterkin, who will be leaving RAF Brize Norton for Jubayl in Saudi Arabia next week as part of the United Nations observer force along the Kuwait-Iraq border

SOUTHERN IRAQ

US pull-out leaves violent vacuum

From JAMIE DETTMER IN SAFWAN

NURSES winced as the Iraqi doctor's words echoed through the dirty examination room. "All the people love this president. They want something from this government so they say down, down, Saddam Hussein, but in their hearts they love him. It will be peaceful here."

On the bloody couch, a patient moaned as a splint was fitted to his fractured right arm. His face and chest were covered in deep cuts. Outside two more men waited to be seen; they too had been hurt in the violence that is breaking out in Safwan.

The doctor, who arrived from Basra on Sunday to replace American army medical personnel at the town's clinic, had to admit that Safwan is not a peaceful place now. Iraqis here are at each other's throats.

The military police are concerned that the town, which is only a few hundred yards from the refugee camps that straddle the Kuwait-Iraq border, will collapse into anarchy before Iraqi civilian police arrive to keep order. They are also worried about the Iraqi police.

Refugee demonstrations continued yesterday against the pull-out. More than 1,000 men, women and children sat in the road by the Red Crescent camp and chanted anti-Saddam slogans in English. With an eye to photo opportunities, the organisers rebels placed children in the first four rows. According to an Iraqi doctor who fought with the rebels, ten men believed to be spies have been killed in secret in recent days by refugees. Possibly partly in preparation for trouble in the camps, the Kuwaiti government continues to move forces into the border area.

The tension in the camps was on open display as American troops distributed three days of food to refugees, many of whom feared that it would be the last time the Americans handed out rations. The queues were long and angry. Frequently, American officers and soldiers had to intervene to stop fights breaking out.

On the horizon could be seen clouds of dust thrown up by convoys heading south, joined by lorry-loads of sheep being transported to Kuwait City for the Eid festival. "Who's the sacrifice? The sheep or us?" said an Iraqi rebel.

TURKEY

Marines itch for shot at Saddam

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN NEZER KHAN

AN officer from the United States Marines 24th Expeditionary Unit attached to the Sixth Fleet, appeared to be speaking for his men when he said they would like to be able to kill President Saddam Hussein, or at least be able to throw up a proper security net around the Kurds.

The officer was with 45 marines involved in Operation Provide Comfort, as they made their way to the Turkish border town of Silopi to set up a forward base. They will assist United States helicopter units in providing relief for the fleeing Kurds.

Although the marines involved in the relief effort were not directly involved in Operation Desert Storm, they made it clear privately that they did not believe the Gulf war job had ended. The officer, who was happy to express his views to a group consisting of a journalist, a member of the European parliament and a German human rights worker, also voiced the confusion felt here about the eventual fate of the Kurdish refugees from Iraq.

The chance encounter took place at a small roadside hotel near the Turkish border with Syria where the marines had stopped on their way to Silopi, where their advance helicopter unit will be fully operational within four days. It is rumoured that some of the refugees from Iraq, though probably not Kurds, will be housed in camps there originally built to assist Muslims on their way to the annual pilgrimage in Mecca.

Travelling without an interpreter in a region where most people speak only Turkish or Kurdish, they seemed unsure whether their role would involve trying to keep order at the border camps, or areas where hungry refugees have been growing increasingly angry at Turkish army attempts to keep them back.

The deaths caused by aid packages dropped at random from transport aircraft have also angered the refugee community, and Kurds living in Turkey. Shortly before nightfall yesterday, American transport planes could be seen refuelling helicopters in an effort to increase the mediocre supply chain in operation.

Meanwhile, diplomatic observers have given a warning that the possibility exists of a clash between Nato troops. Turkey provides Nato with one of its biggest armies, but its soldiers in the border region often have divided loyalties, and see themselves at war with Kurdish guerrillas.

Besieged Reagan accused of Iran hostages deal

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

TOURISTS in Washington this spring might be forgiven for thinking that April is open season on the Reagans. For the first half of the month the most talked-about event in town was Kitty Kelley's hatchet job on Nancy Reagan, claiming that the former First Lady had a long affair with Frank Sinatra.

Now, as gossip shifts towards a backlash against the author, Ronald Reagan himself faces renewed accusations of having stage-managed the release of American hostages from Iran more than ten years ago. The Reagans, jolted from their retirement in California, have done their utmost to dismiss the Kelley book as a piece of sensational innuendo. But the revival of unproven yet persistent suspicions about an alleged hostages deal in 1980 will be harder to kill since its source, Gary Sick, is a politico-intellectual taken pretty seriously in Washington circles.

Under the headline, "The election story of the decade", *The New York Times* yesterday printed an opinion piece by Mr Sick, a former adviser to President Jimmy Carter on policy toward Iran, across two-thirds of a page. The caption resounded with welcome meaning for Democrats as they tune up their rhetoric for the 1992 election season while wondering how to defeat a popular president. The article quoted five sources as saying Mr Bush attended at least one meeting linked to the deal.

Mr Sick wrote that intelligence operatives, government officials and arms dealers in the United States, Europe and the Middle East, repeatedly told him over the past two years that members of the Reagan-Bush campaign of 1990 secretly met Iranian officials to delay the release of the 52 American hostages until after Mr Reagan's election.

"The story is tangled and murky, and it may never be fully unravelled," he acknowledged. But, proven or not, the words of the professor of Middle East politics at New York's liberal Columbia university were the latest spotlight on Mr Reagan after months of relative obscurity.

Several weeks ago, he annoyed the National Rifle Association for toughening his public position on rules for handgun sales. *New Republic* magazine, in its latest edition, has rekindled a long-standing puzzle about whether the Gipper's jet-black hair was dyed. Suspicions about a hostages deal began when Tehran agreed to free the Americans five minutes after Mr Reagan took the oath of office. Later, reports emerged about the flow of arms to Iran via Israel. The rumours grew in the mid-1980s when the Iran-contra affair appeared to reveal a similar hostages-arms swap.

In his article, Mr Sick alleged that William Casey, the late chairman of Mr Reagan's presidential campaign, negotiated a deal with Iran to delay the release of the hostages in order to deprive Mr Carter of a boost to his re-election effort. He professed to have reliable reports indicating that the framework of a deal was set up in meetings at a Madrid hotel in July, 1980, between Mr Casey, who later directed the Central Intelligence Agency, and Hojatoleslam Mehdi Karrubi, an Iranian cleric who represented Ayatollah Khomeini.

Mr Sick described himself as a sceptic about the rumours for many years but whose research had nudged him toward the painful conclusion of their probable veracity. Absence of hard documentary evidence, he said, could not rule out the possibility of "an elaborate disinformation campaign".

The Reagan-Bush team faces a further airing of the issue today on most public television stations. The timing bodes ill for Republicans, coinciding with a debate among White House staffers about whether to launch an aggressive re-election campaign now, despite a decline in the Bush approval rating since the end of the Gulf war, or to wait until criticism of his response to the plight of the Kurds in Iraq has subsided.

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Black leaders seek united front against apartheid

From JAN RAATH IN HARARE

THE leaders of South Africa's two main black political organisations met in Harare yesterday for the first talks aimed at healing their 33-year-old divisions.

For many of the delegates it was the occasion for often noisy reunion for the first time since 1958, when suspicion and anger over the large number of whites within the African National Congress and its domination by the South African Communist Party burst into the open, and nationalist radicals broke away to form the Pan-Africanist Congress (PAC).

The audience in the Harare international conference centre applauded as Clarence Makwetu, president of the PAC, shook hands with Nelson Mandela, the ANC vice-president, and said: "Long live victory and unity."

Observers regard the two-day meeting of the groups' national executive committees as crucial to the success of negotiations with the South African government, and as being long overdue. There is a growing lack of confidence with the black political movements in South Africa, as the progress towards ending apartheid is beset by by deepening splits, mistrust and bloodshed.

President Mugabe of Zimbabwe said the meeting was of utmost importance that a broad-based united front of all progressive democratic movements of South Africa be formed as a matter of urgency. "The most potent of all secret weapons in your arsenal for the successful waging of your liberation struggle is the unity of oppressed people of South Africa," he said.

The rhetoric was strong on committal to unity. Mr Mandela said: "It is the division of the oppressed that will determine how long the oppressor stays in power," while Mr Makwetu said that the meeting would "lay the foundation for that principled unity which will hasten the demise of the illegal minority regime."

But it is apparent that the ambitions of the meeting are limited, and cover the establishment of a "broad-based national front" much less than the dissolving of their separate identities. Mr Mugabe spoke guardedly of the outcome, saying, "In this meeting we see, or at least hope to see, the beginnings of this process", towards establishing a "common voice".

Among the points of agreement shared by the ANC and the PAC is that the writing of a constitution for a new South Africa should be done by an assembly elected by universal suffrage.

The Zimbabwean leader is the main agent in bringing the two sides together. He has remained in touch with both parties in South Africa and in Tanzania, where most of the Pan-Africanist Congress hierarchy is still based, and was responsible for forging the first top-level contact between them a year ago.

Muggers get Tory brush-off

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

A FACT-FINDING mission to South Africa by four members of the Conservative party got off to an unpleasantly eventful start at the weekend. Strolling through Johannesburg on Sunday afternoon, the party was surrounded by about ten black youths who grabbed them, held knives to their throats and demanded their wallets.

Dr Mark Mayall, prospective parliamentary candidate for Oxford East, showed considerable aplomb in summoning an illusory policeman.

"Look, there is a policeman behind you," he cried, at which the assailants backed off, and their intended victims fled to a nearby police post.

"It was quite an interesting episode," Dr Mayall recalled with commendable understatement yesterday. "I don't want to make too much of this, but there were fairly impressive six-inch blades waving around. I think it was a good practical demonstration of the serious problems South Africa is facing in its transition to democracy."

John Kennedy, prospective candidate for Barking, agreed. "Of course we were frightened, and I think we were lucky to give them the slip, but it was an instructive experience. It certainly showed there is volatility in the streets. We rather hope the incident is not repeated, as we would like to use our return tickets."

Police recorded 73,576 cases of murder, serious assault, rape, and other violent crimes in Johannesburg last year — more than 200 incidents a day.

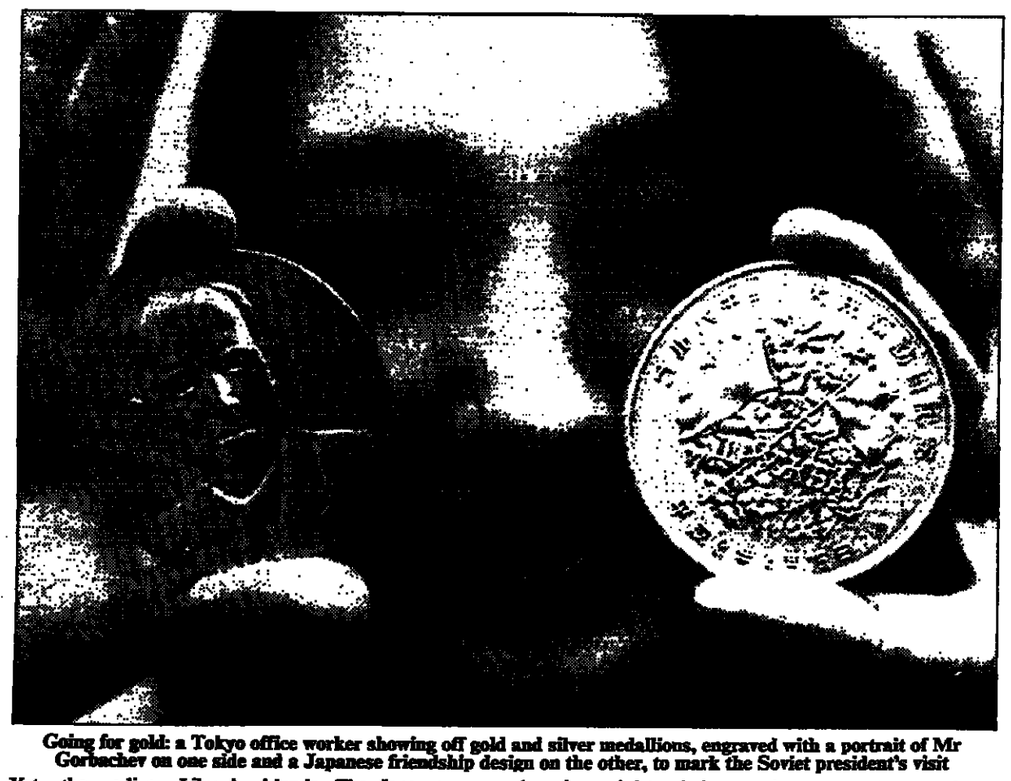
Tokyo test for Soviet leader

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

PRESIDENT Gorbachev, who flies into Tokyo today as the first Soviet leader to visit Japan, will confront a government determined to stand firm on its principle of no fraternisation or economic aid until all four of the Soviet-occupied Kurile islands that Japan claims are returned.

Most Japanese are pessimistic about a breakthrough on the territorial dispute that has prevented the two nations from signing a peace treaty after the second world war and kept relations between them in a state of permafrost. Many see Mr Gorbachev as yet another impecunious foreign leader beating a trail to Tokyo, begging bowl in hand.

Japanese politicians have recently increased the negotiating stakes by offering, according to the *Yomiuri Shimbun*, economic aid worth $28 billion (£16 billion) in return for Soviet recognition of Japanese sovereignty over the islands.



Going for gold: a Tokyo office worker showing off gold and silver medallions, engraved with a portrait of Mr Gorbachev on one side and a Japanese friendship design on the other, to mark the Soviet president's visit

Yet the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, which is tied by an umbilical cord to the Bush administration, is inclined to preserve Mr Gorbachev rather than threaten his position by forcing his hand on the islands. The Japanese are aware that if Mr Gorbachev relinquishes territory, he might trigger other territorial disputes that could be fatal to his leadership.

Ironically, the domestic reputation of Toshiki Kaifu, the prime minister, is in as dire need of a boost as that of Mr Gorbachev. A Japanese victory on the islands issue would guarantee Mr Kaifu a place in the history books as the man who beat back the security threat from the great Soviet bear. Should nothing break the territorial impasse, cultural, environmental and other accords have been prepared as a face-saving measure for the two leaders to sign in front of the world's press.

Sikh call for poll boycott

Delhi — Sikh extremists have ordered a boycott of elections in Punjab, undermining the central government's plans to test the democratic process in India's most violent state (Christopher Thomas writes).

One non-violent secessionist party, the Akali Dal (Mann), says it will fight elections on the sole issue of establishing an independent Sikh state called Khalistan. As no one would dare vote against such a proposal, it cannot fail to win. Voter turnout is bound to be minimal.

Villagers killed

Colombo — Tamil guerrillas killed 17 Sinhalese villagers and attacked security forces during Sri Lankan new year celebrations, military sources said. Six children, four women and seven men were among those shot and hacked to death. *(Reuter)*

Reef drowning

Sydney — A university lecturer and a student, who had walked out to the Great Barrier Reef at low tide, were swept out to sea and drowned when the tide changed. A woman with them clung to the reef until rescuers arrived. *(Reuter)*

Zulus armed for love or war

Pretoria's reluctance to ban 'traditional' Zulu weapons angers and bewilders the victims of violence, Gavin Bell reports

MATENZA Mgali heard two gunshots, followed by a scream. Her girlfriend lay dead beside her, but their assailants were not finished. Dancing and whistling, they stabbed Matenza repeatedly with spears and *pangas* (machetes) until she cried no more.

She survived by feigning death. "I said a short prayer because I could see this was my last day in this world. I pretended to be dead until I could hear that the men had gone."

Matenza's account of her recent ordeal in Thokoza township east of Johannesburg is typical of horror stories emanating daily from black communities riven by a complex power struggle involving Zulu supporters of the Inkatha Freedom party, activists of the African National Congress, and anybody else who gets in the way.

The fact that Zulus are allowed to walk around townships brandishing fearsome "traditional" weapons, despite their obvious incitement to violence, is a source of anger and bewilderment to their victims.

The government's reluctance to ban such weapons, at least in public, is difficult to understand. Militant bands of Zulus fired by tribal fervour are an awesome sight, evoking images of impis who fought British troops in the last century. Humphrey Ndlovu, Inkatha secretary for the Witwatersrand, argues that such weapons are deeply rooted in Zulu culture and therefore indispensable. Apart from the long-handled battle spear, he claims they are not offensive and are carried traditionally for hunting, proposing love and celebrating weddings.

Professor O. T. Nxumalo, a sociologist at the University of Zululand, concurs up to a point. "What may be a weapon today might not be a weapon tomorrow," he says. "When attempting to implement any changes in the bearing of traditional weapons, it is important that the cultural ethos of those concerned should not be unnecessarily affronted."

The ANC and other black organisations reject such arguments. Molathlegi Thlale of the Azanian People's Organisation says they are a facade for aggression. Fitzroy Ngcukana of the Pan-Africanist Congress says: "Inkatha does not carry traditional weapons. It carries weapons of war." An ANC spokesman, Saki Macozoma, demanded a total ban on the bearing of arms in public. "The next thing, right-wing Afrikaners will say it is the Boer tradition to carry guns."

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THE RIVIERA

Resorts pray for a fair wind

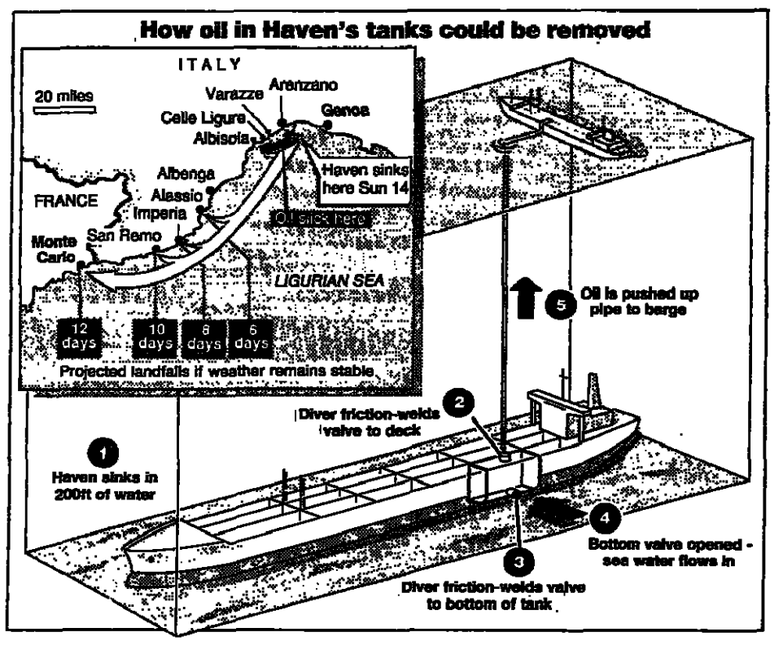
From PHILIP JACOBSON IN NICE AND PAUL BOMPARD IN ROME

WITH the grace of a precious few days to prepare for potential catastrophe, the resorts and little fishing villages along the Côte d'Azure are bracing themselves for the worst and praying for the best.

As volunteers flocked to sign on for emergency duty in case they will be needed to keep drifting crude oil off their beaches, the first phase of a French full-scale pollution alert was under way yesterday, with special boats and a government helicopter standing by in the port of Toulon.

Estimates of how much oil has so far spilled into the sea vary. The Cyprus-registered Haven, which was carrying 143,000 tonnes of Iranian crude oil when it caught fire three miles off Genoa, burned for three days before sinking on Sunday. If its tanks split to spill the oil, the environmental disaster would overwhelm the confined Mediterranean waters. Although the most widely used figure is 100,000 tonnes, some say there may be as little as 20,000 tonnes left in its hulls.

Yesterday, scattered slicks of oil from the Haven were drifting westwards and had reached beaches between Genoa and the French border.



Riviera residents fear that beaches could be covered with black sludge instead of sunbathing tourists this summer.

Giorgio Ruffolo, Italy's environment minister, said: "The operations so far have been timely and effective, and the situation is stationary."

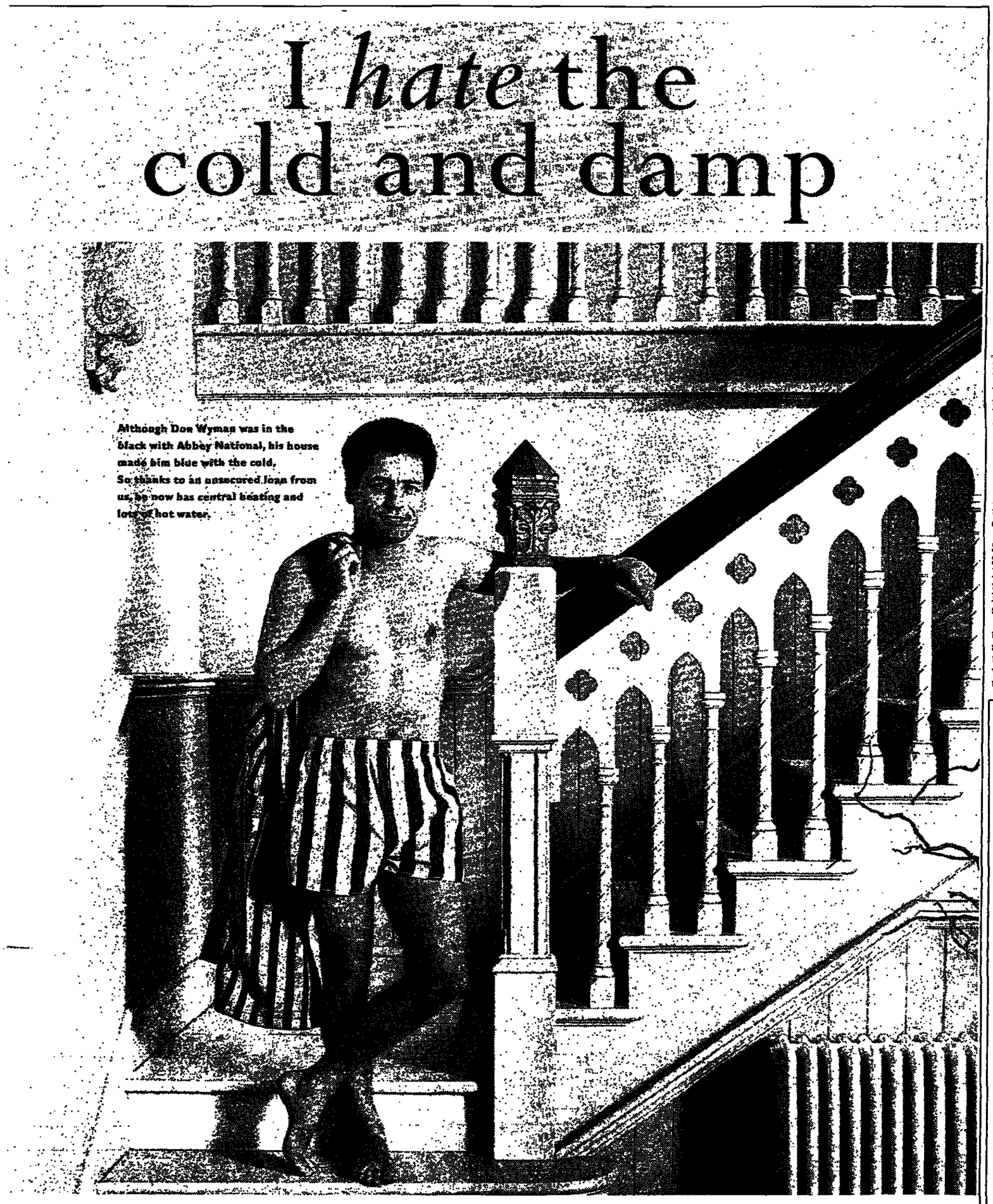
Last night an underwater research ship arrived in Genoa with remote cameras to examine the sunken ship. After a small leak from which small amounts of oil are still flowing is sealed, pumping should begin in the next few days. Oil "skimmer" boats have recovered more than 3,500 tonnes of the estimated 10,000 tonnes that spilled before the Haven sank. If the weather remains calm most of the rest should be collected in the next five or six days.

If the official government attitude is one of cautious optimism, that of the Riviera residents is one of alarm. Varazze, Celle, Ligure, Cogoleto and Albisola already have slicks either on their beaches or within "paddling distance". Further along the coast, Albenga, Alassio, Imperia and San Remo are on the westward path of the oil. In Celle and Ligure, where volunteers have been mopping up oil at the beach, the mayor complained: "I've been asking for help for two days. We do not know what to do with the oil we have collected."

Experts from France's Mediterranean Oceanography Centre are also watching nervously for indications of a shift in prevailing winds southwest across the bay

Every hotelier, restaurant owner and shopkeeper on the French Riviera understands only too well that the fate of the coming season rests upon the vagaries of something called the Ligurian current. Professor Maurice Aubert, of the oceanography centre, said the current is usually carried towards the French coast by the southwest winds at 5mph. At this rate, he estimates that the first crude cannot be far away. However, he said: "The optimistic hypothesis is that there is actually not much oil left in her tanks, and that this will remain there until it can be safely pumped out."

Troubled waters: an Italian civil security team installs floating barriers at the port of Arenzano, in an attempt to keep at bay the oil slick spilt from the Haven



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SALVAGE

Schoolboy science can clear tanker

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

MOST of the estimated 100,000 tons of crude trapped in the supertanker Haven could be recovered if salvage techniques pioneered over the past 11 years are employed, according to London salvage experts.

The methods involve fitting valves and hoses to each of the tanks in which the oil is held. Seawater is then pumped into the tanks, forcing the crude through the hoses to the surface where it can be collected.

Similar techniques were harnessed to recover crude from the bow section of the Tanio, a tanker which broke up in heavy seas in May 1980, spilling oil on to Brittany beaches. Experts concede that the Tanio operation was less than successful, but say that the depths and weather conditions off Genoa, where the Haven is resting 240ft below the surface, are more favourable than were those in the Tanio operation in the Bay of Biscay 11 years ago.

Andrew Marshall, Dave Sherval and Jim Kearon of the Salvage Association in London agreed yesterday that more than 90 per cent of the Haven's remaining cargo should be recoverable.

The divers first fit a valve to the surface deck of the Haven above each of the oil cargo tanks. Friction bolts, which when spun very fast heat to melting temperatures, are likely to be used to "self weld" the valves on to the decks. A device called a hot tap machine, a tower of metal down which a cutting tool can be passed, is also attached to each tank.

The cutter, similar to those used by brain surgeons, passes through the valve to make an opening around 10in wide. A flexible hose, supported by floats, is fitted to the valve and run into the tank of a salvage vessel on the surface.

Finally, divers fit and drill another valve and hole at the base of each tank. When this is opened seawater floods in, forcing the oil up through the deck valve and hose to the surface. Pumps might be used to suck out the last drops of oil.

Phil Birkenhead, a wreck salvage expert with Birkenhead Associates in London, said yesterday that this recovery method used "schoolboy science" but needed well-trained divers with extensive wreck experience.

The divers, working at pressures of five atmospheres, will face hazardous conditions akin to "walking through a scrapyard in thick fog and should not be forced to work too quickly", Mr Birkenhead said. He added that although much of the liquid oil would be recoverable, some pollutants, such as waxes, are likely to remain trapped in the Haven.

ENVIRONMENT

Resilient sea can shrug off disaster

Despite fears of ecological catastrophe, the effects of big oil slicks on the oceans are shortlived, **Nigel Hawkes** writes

BIG oil spills invariably spawn claims of ecological disaster, but experience suggests that the oceans have a remarkable ability to shrug off even the worst abuses man can throw at them.

When the Torrey Canyon went aground off Land's End in 1967, there were claims that it would take 40 years for the beaches to recover. By the end of the year, however, most of them were clear. Within two or three years, only a marine biologist would have known the incident had occurred.

The same will happen to the oil spilt from the Cypriot tanker Haven off Genoa. The processes of evaporation, sedimentation and bacterial degradation will remove all traces of the oil within three years. Although there will be damage to wildlife, it is unlikely to be catastrophic.

Experimental work at the laboratories of the Marine Biological Association in Plymouth has helped establish the sequence of events when oil is spilt into seawater. A surprising amount evaporates during the first ten days after the spill; in the case of the big Kuwaiti spills during the Gulf conflict, 30 per cent disappeared into the atmosphere in less than a week. Once in the air, it becomes undetectable, merging with other pollutants and dispersing.

The majority of what is left either dissolves or is adsorbed on to particles of silt, sand or tiny creatures, Brian Brayne of the Plymouth laboratory said yesterday. The dissolved material, which contains most of the toxic parts, is dispersed by currents and tides, while the adsorbed materials sink and are slowly buried in the bottom sediments. In both cases, bacteria that feed on hydrocarbons help to break down the oil into non-toxic compounds.

The oil that is buried in the sediments is the heavier and less toxic fraction, but it can kill living things by smothering them. A really heavy storm or tide may disturb the sediments and create more pollution on the beaches but Dr Brayne thinks that less likely in the Mediterranean than in rougher oceans with greater tidal ranges.

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Gorbachev in no danger from coup, says Pavlov

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

BEGINNING a visit to London yesterday, Valentin Pavlov, the Soviet prime minister, while pointing out that President Gorbachev would not always be in power, insisted there was no danger of a military coup in the Soviet Union. He also censured Mr Gorbachev's rival, Boris Yeltsin, the Russian leader.

The Soviet president himself, stopping at the inland Pacific port of Khabarovsk on his way to Japan yesterday, warned the Russian Federation that it was "doomed" if it insisted on opposing the central Soviet authorities. He called on all the republics making up the Soviet Union to sign a new federal treaty by the end of the month.

Both Mr Gorbachev and Mr Pavlov seem dogged by domestic worries, foremost among them being relations with the republics and the economic crisis. Mr Gorbachev told local leaders during his stopover that averting an economic crash and shoring up the state's authority were his two most urgent priorities. He undertook, when he returns to Moscow, to summon the leaders of all the Soviet republics with a view to securing quick agreement on a reformed Soviet Federation. "Our task is to sign a union treaty this month," he said.

According to Tass, Mr Gorbachev particularly appealed to the Russian government and Mr Yeltsin, who is visiting France, to offer "constructive co-operation and interaction".

"The union cannot have a full-blooded existence without a renewed Russian Federation," he said. But he went on to warn leaders of the biggest Soviet republic: "If Russia opposes itself to the union, it is doomed, for processes of disintegration have already begun within it."

In censuring the Yeltsin administration, Mr Pavlov, in London for the opening of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development yesterday, told an interviewer that the motives of the Russian leadership were not always comprehensible when they gave moral support to strikes.

But, he said, there was no question of using the army to suppress industrial unrest. "As a professional politician, I know that it is impossible to make a person work by force."

But one of the Soviet army's most bitterly contested actions against dissenters was vigorously defended yesterday by General Nikolai Shlyaga, head of the powerful and recently reorganised Communist movement within the armed forces. He said a recently completed investigation by the Soviet state prosecutor showed conclusively that "servicemen did not exceed their powers and acted legally" when, in April 1989, they killed at least 20 Georgian demonstrators, mostly women, with sharpened spades and poison gas.

Rust is accused of attack

Hamburg — Matthias Rust, aged 23, the West German flier who landed his light plane near Red Square in Moscow in 1987, went on trial for attempted murder, accused of stabbing an 18-year-old student nurse with a knife in a hospital locker room.

He told a Hamburg court the girl had called him a "rutting ram" when he tried to kiss her in 1989, and accused him of making the daredevil flight to Moscow just to make himself look important. After hearing this, he said, he blacked out. When he came to his senses, the girl was lying on the floor. *(Reuter)*

Party comeback

Budapest — Hungary's former Communist party won the first parliamentary by-election since general elections a year ago ended four decades of communist rule. The party, now called the Hungarian Socialist party, captured a seat in Budapest from the Alliance of Free Democrats.

Bomb kills girl

San Sebastián, Spain — Coro Villamodria Sanchez, aged 17, the daughter of a police officer, died in a hospital here, and her brother and two sisters were reported to be in a serious condition after a bomb exploded under the family car. Her father suffered minor injuries

Honecker ill

Bonn — The former East German leader Erich Honecker, aged 79, who was spirited out of Germany last month, has undergone bowel surgery in a Moscow military hospital, the German newspaper *Bild* reported. It quoted a well-informed source as saying his condition was "very poor overall". *(Reuter)*

Face of rage: a Bulgarian protesting in Sofia, where two former ministers are on trial for concealing the dangers posed by the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear accident

Brokers lay the ghosts of Polish communism

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

THE bishop has exorcised the communist demons, the law is ready to be initialled by President Walesa and here, in their BMWs, come the first young brokers, lean as whippets and sporting red braces: let trading begin. Warsaw's stock exchange, closed by the communists, reopens today for a trial run, marking a new phase in the market revolution of Eastern Europe.

Hungary already has an exchange — one poorly ventilated room on the first floor of the International Trade Centre in Budapest — and the Soviet Union has hopes that its 180 or so commodity exchanges will one day be combined into a proper pre-1917 style bourse. In Ljubljana, there is quite a robust stock exchange with a turnover of about £150,000 a month. Even the Romanians have plans to resurrect their prewar trading floor.

But nobody has made such a clean break with the recent past as the Poles. They have set up their exchange in the defunct headquarters of the communist party central committee: from *Das Kapital* to share capital in one swoop. The building, on the corner of New World Street and Jerusalem Avenue was for more than three decades the centre of communist power. Then, in the 1980s, it became a centre of anxiety as the politburo feared, with some justification, that it would be stormed by Solidarity demonstrators.

Now, in the 1990s, the priests have performed a formal ritual exorcism and the offices are up for rent to proto-capitalists.

Poland's privatisation plans allow for the selling of some 7,400 firms, up to 1,000 of them by the end of this year. Most will be sold by auction directly to foreign investors. The best guess is that between 20 and 50 privatised companies will be trading by the end of the year.

Albanian opposition threatens boycott

From TIM JUDAH IN TIRANA

THE credibility of multiparty democracy in Albania suffered a setback as the Democratic party, the country's main opposition force, said it would boycott parliament, due to open yesterday.

Sali Berisha, the leader of the Democratic party, which won 75 seats in the 250-member chamber in last month's elections, said: "We are not going because of the massacre of Shkoder ... the commission of enquiry is there to hide the perpetrators, and not to find them."

Mr Berisha was referring to the shooting dead of four anti-communist protesters in Shkoder on April 2, two days after Albania's first free general election since 1944.

Communist officials reacted angrily. Robert Kolli, the Tirana party head, said: "We have difficult and even insurmountable problems to face in Albania, and we have to solve them together. We are not ready for the type of adversarial, rival party-style of democracy you have in England. We have not reached that level."

Yeltsin runs into European block

From GEORGE BROCK IN STRASBOURG

TAKING his restless, transcontinental search for an ever-larger stage on which to outdo President Gorbachev, Boris Yeltsin yesterday alighted in the European parliament and ran into a surprise. MEPs prefer Mr Gorbachev.

The president of the Russian Federation clearly expected that his standard speech about Russian self-determination and the corruption of perestroika would be enough for the institution on his first visit.

He is accustomed to being lionised in the West and is expecting to set up links between the Russian and European parliaments. The advice of his experts, he said, had been unanimous: go to Strasbourg and see how they do it.

Mr Yeltsin should sack his experts. But he should also have remembered that he was addressing a packed meeting of the parliament's socialist group, its largest single bloc.

The group's leader, Jean-Pierre Cot, introduced Mr Yeltsin by referring to his "demagoguery" and asking pointed questions about Russian nationalism. He was promptly interrupted by his guest who complained that he had arrived with an "open heart" but was being treated like a schoolboy. Undeterred, M Cot talked about the Soviet Union's 12,000 nuclear warheads and remarked that "we feel safer with Mr Gorbachev". Mr Yeltsin, taking this slap in his large stride, said perestroika had recently been deformed and transformed, denied that Russia was trying to destroy the Soviet Union and said it would like to join what his interpreter called the "community of European nations".

Some questioners were sceptical, others hostile. One MEP explained that the trend in Western Europe was slow integration: states were ready to transfer power to a central authority. Was Mr Yeltsin really trying to tell them that it was better the other way round?

The Scottish Labour MEP, Janey Buchan, read Mr Yeltsin a passionate lecture about the dangers of nationalism as seen from Scotland. "You have never once stood up against nationalism in your country," she said, accusing him of using weasel words. "You're very fit to be a member of this parliament," she added. "You keep answering questions that you haven't been asked."

Mr Yeltsin, irritated, tried to explain once again the flexible federation which Russia wants and which President Gorbachev withholds. It boiled down, he said, to self-determination. "You're the one who wrote all this down in the European documents and we're trying to learn from you," he said plaintively.

Buchan: accused Yeltsin of using "weasel words"

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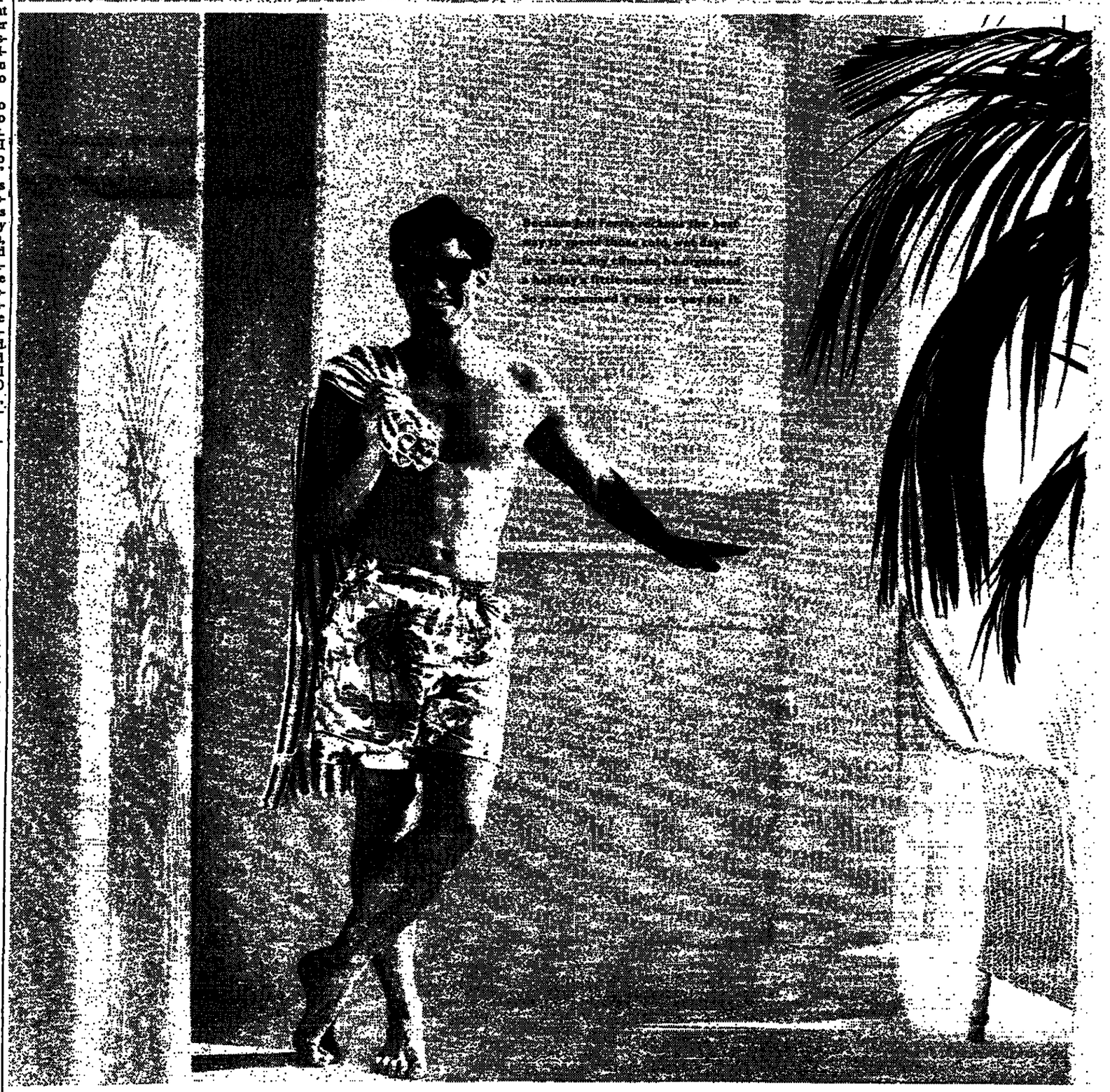

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Modernism: Beene there, done that

At the New York shows, one designer saw the future, and it works. Liz Smith reports

The exhibition being held in IBM's basement gallery behind the Trump Tower in New York explores the concept of modernism in design and its evolution since the Thirties. Called "What Modern Was", it relates the curving dynamics of the Thirties "streamlined" clock or moulded plastic chair from the Sixties to the socio-economic changes of the day.

To discover what modern is in the Nineties — in fashion terms at any rate — you needed a ticket to the Geoffrey Beene show in Manhattan last week. On the last day of the New York collections, in the last lap of the month-long international fashion shows, it was Beene who paraded the challenging, linear cut that takes fashion forward, with narrow, zip-fastened coats and skinny dresses criss-crossed with angular seaming and slip dresses in shadowy layers of silk and lace.

American fashion is rooted in the reality of what women want to wear

At the recent Oscars ceremony, the actress Glenn Close wore one of Beene's willowy, strapless dresses with cropped bolero on which the streamlining "corset" detailing appears seamlessly to link jacket to dress (as shown right). The ease of a zip fastener on a tailored jacket, the comfort of the jumpsuit as well as the sleek lines of a bodysuit, all basics of contemporary style, have been part of Beene's design idiom for 27 years.

Beene, now 64, studied to be a doctor in his native Louisiana, but left after four years, when the curriculum reached what he calls "the cadaver stage", to train at the Chambre Syndicale fashion school in Paris. Eight times winner of New York fashion's Coty Award, twice the recipient of the Council of Fashion Designers of America's top accolade, he has a philosophy in which modernity is fundamental.

American fashion design expresses changes in contemporary culture better than anywhere else. Generating billion dollar fashion empires with its home market alone, it is rooted in the reality of what women want to wear. With the present downturn in consumer spending, New York designers are wooing back customers with new definitions of modernism.

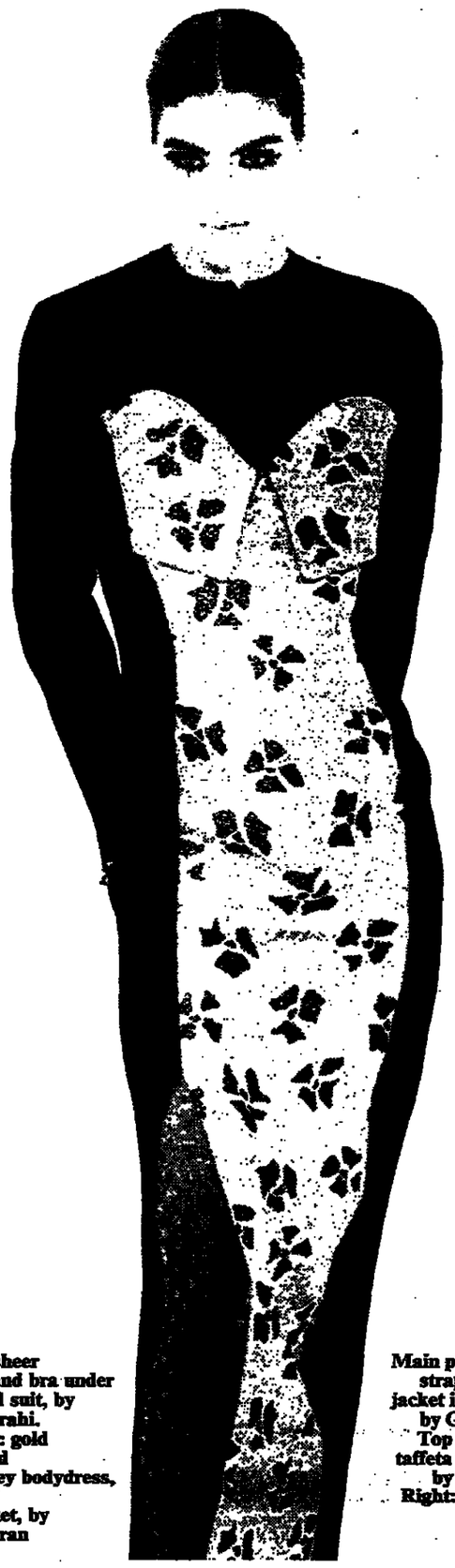
Modernism today is the spit and polish of a Ralph Lauren tartan, brass-buttoned coatdress, a liquid gold bodydress by Donna Karan or the clean-cut minimalism of Calvin Klein and Michael Kors. It is a simple navy pea coat by Bill Blass. It is Isaac Mizrahi, plugged into Manhattan's downtown street culture, coming up with an ethnic mix of American Indian zig-zag embroideries, Puerto Rican ruffles and Afro caps. And it is Christian Francis Roth's hobo suits and Amish patchwork shawls.

Lauren's modern slant in one of the best shows of the week meant more fit and flare with peplum jackets and princess-line dresses and a dressier edge to his classics in cream whipcord and camel cloth. He moulded tartan to the body in neat-shouldered jackets flared out in a short, perky peplum and sliced it into sophisticated coatdresses trimmed with velvet, capes and tightly-belted trenchcoats. Here is a new look that he neatly sums up as "spiffy".

When he is on form nobody creates more modern clothes than Calvin Klein — unless it is Giorgio Armani. It was not just the buttery shades and muted grey-greens of Klein's collection that raised the inevitable comparison with Armani, but the narrow fit of jackets fastened high up with a single button, worn over loose tunics, short skirts or narrow trousers. Sheepskin coats in shades of honey are clutched over pale cashmere ribbed tunics, and for evening little slip dresses are beaded all over in gunmetal, crystal or bronze. This was low-key Klein at his most spare and sexy.

Michael Kors's reputation as a designer ensured that, despite part of the ceiling collapsing on to the catwalk in the middle of his show, the audience sat on to applaud his bouncy new overskirts and gold padded parkas, worn over ribbed gold or camel cashmere sweaters with narrow unitards, or all-in-ones, and short skirts.

Donna Karan, the designer responsible for easing women into today's wrap-and-tie fashion basics of sarong skirt and bodysuit, added the shimmer of liquid gold as piping on matt jersey jackets and dresses or stretched into skin-tight gold tops on her new bodydress. To Louis Dell'Olio at Anne Klein modernism means a gilt zip fastener used as an asymmetric detail on a brass-buttoned suit, as well as the graphic impact of dogtooth checks and zig-zag tweed in seven-eighths coats over leggings. Spangled leggings that stretch into all-in-one boots pose the unexpected problem of giving a hip size when shopping for shoes.



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Top left: sheer bodysuit and bra under grey tweed suit, by Isaac Mizrahi. Above left: gold stretch and black jersey bodydress, with gold piped jacket, by Donna Karan

Main picture: outlined strapless dress and jacket in silk ottoman, by Geoffrey Beene. Top right: blue silk taffeta peplum jacket, by Ralph Lauren. Right: copper beaded slip dress, by Calvin Klein

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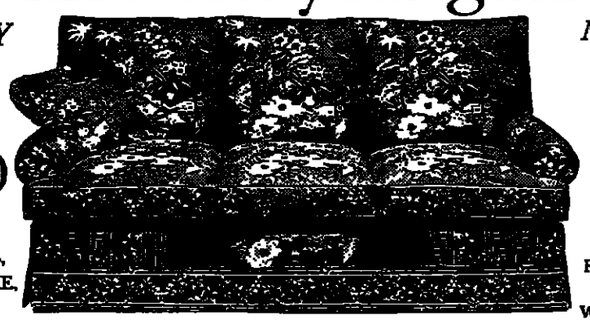

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Good vibrations on the line

Given a brief to design the mobile telephone of the future, a group of students has rung out the old and shaken in the new

NORMAN Lamont, the Chancellor, will not be thrilled to learn that the mobile phone of the future will be simple enough for children to use. The good news is that it will vibrate instead of ringing.

Undeterred by Mr Lamont's castigation of the mobile telephone as a menace, a record 59 students entered a competition to design a new radio-based telephone which could be launched in Britain within two years.

Fresh designs for the taxable perk were not commissioned merely to smarten the image of existing "mobiles" but to develop handsets for a new system, one that will be easier to use and cheaper to run.

The winners will be announced officially today. The winning entry, called Nox, was designed by Kenny Yip, aged 24, a final year student at the Royal College of Art who spent two months on his design, which is thinner than the usual mobile phone.

"The mouthpiece is concave, the ear-piece is convex, and there is a hinge in the middle so it folds into half its size, and the whole thing is protected by a rubber bumper in case you drop it," he says.

"The battery is sandwiched between a layer of plastic in a strap so the phone can be fitted around the wrist or neck; it can be hung from a belt, clipped around a wallet or simply put into a pocket. There is no aerial — that is in the battery strap, too.

"The ear-piece is rubber, the mouthpiece has subtle grooves rather than holes, there is an LCD display which is back-lit so it can be read in the dark, but the most important element — especially from the parents' point of view — is the interchangeable graphic overlay, which will enable them to control the type or the number of calls."

Phone of the future: Kenny Yip's award-winning entry

The rubber parts are blue, the strap can be another bright colour and the business bits any colour the customer wants.

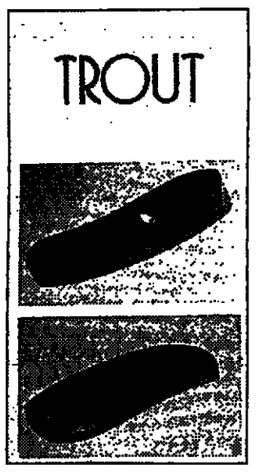
THE Communications on the Move competition required designers to develop practical and aesthetic personal communications network (PCN) handsets with wide market appeal. It is the leading competition in the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts' (RSA) communications and installations technology sector, and is sponsored by Mercury Personal Communications, which is awarding prizes of three educational travel grants. Mr Yip, the overall winner, receives £2,500, and the joint runners-up — James Dawton, of Newcastle upon Tyne polytechnic, and Andrew Russell, of Leicester polytechnic — each win £1,750.

The new handsets had to be small and light enough to be carried as a personal accessory. The brief also listed an impressive range of optional features, from a "hands free" control mechanism, to panic button, call forwarding, message paging and a computer-read facsimile service. Designs had to be simple enough for everybody to use.

"That was the most challenging aspect of the competition," says Mr Dawton, who is studying industrial design. His distinctive "trout" design has also won the £2,500 BIB award, an independent product design competition.

All three winning designs combined technical and ergonomic considerations. The new PCN handsets operate on a micro-cellular network, so each set can operate at a low power level with a small, rechargeable battery. Released from the restrictions of the hefty power system that accompanied early car-based cell phones, designers are free to concentrate on ergonomics.

The winning designs are not destined for immediate mass production, but Mercury hopes the students' original approach and thinking will have an impact on future PCN telephones.



James Dawton's telephone

If investment and technological development continue at their present pace, PCN should be launched in the UK by next year.

Mercury, as part of the Cable & Wireless consortium which is investing in the new system, predicts that by the end of the century Britain's personal communications network will have more than 2,500 radio-based stations and ten million subscribers.

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ART LONDON 91: LONDON'S YOUNG ARTISTS

Conceivably, they're masterpieces

John Russell Taylor introduces a group of seven young artists being sponsored by *The Times* at this week's contemporary art fair in London

Back in the Seventies, conceptual art of a peculiarly masochistic kind was big in Los Angeles. One artist announced that his artwork was to sit naked with his feet in buckets of water with a live electric wire at the ready which spectators were challenged to apply to his flesh. Another's artwork was to roll in tintacks and get passers-by to apply more by hand. An artist friend was incensed. Why should these manifestations be taken seriously, when nobody would pay her any attention if she said that her art-work was to lay siege to a fashionable patisserie and eat every cake in sight? The obvious answer was that it sounded too much like fun: real conceptual art, as everybody knew, was dead serious and preferably painful.

Times have changed: one artist in the show of **London's Young Artists**, sponsored by *The Times* as part of "Art London 91" at Olympia this week, is coming surprisingly close to my friend's conceptual ideal. **Rachel Evans** graduated from the Royal College of Art last year. Her art there, like the special piece that she is creating for Olympia, was nearly all food-related. She spent some of her final year at college making jam, and the end-of-term result was an amazing piece which assembled hundreds of filled jam-jars with laconic labels referring to women's dreams. The food was seen as part of the pattern of women's lives, though whether heinously restrictive or acceptably gender-specific was left vague. This time she has produced a billboard ten feet wide, showing herself eating a doughnut, accompanied by a wall-painting inspired by a rapturous woman's-magazine description of a cake.

Money for jam? Rachel Evans's student work is intended to show part of the pattern of women's lives

TONY WHITE

Art by numbers? Stephen Hepworth, one of the young artists sponsored by *The Times*, with his padded velvet work, *Simply the Best*, at Olympia

All the work in "London's Young Artists" is conceptual, and it has all been created specially for this show. It shows how far, and in what direction, conceptual art has travelled since the relatively grim Seventies. That decade's products still shape perceptions of conceptual art as something grey, probably rather simplistically political, and firmly rejecting the senses by working entirely through the intellect. That is hardly the case here.

The senses figure strongly in **Helen Thompson's** work, for example. Alone of the seven artists featured, she is still at the RCA, where she has shown work that uses objects and photography to explore female sensuality in a way which is feminine rather than feminist. Indeed, some feminists have looked askance at her appreciative use of fetishistic details (at Olympia, rubberised clothing) in a way that accepts rather than condemns.

Anya Gallaccio, who graduated from Goldsmiths' in 1989, is much concerned with natural processes and (as with many conceptual artists) with time. For her most famous work hitherto, she scattered hundreds of ripe oranges across a warehouse floor, and papered the walls a matching shade. Since they were there for nearly three months, they shrivelled and decayed, while the colour of the walls remained the same.

Her new piece uses masses of cut flowers, laid on glass. The effect of so much life within the confines of Olympia promises to be breathtaking the first day. But by the fourth the blooms too will have faded and wilted.

The sensuous aspect of **David Griffiths's** work takes a rather different form. For some time he has been preoccupied with childhood, and with interactive art in which spectators are somehow drawn into participation, into making their own choices.

For Olympia he is creating his own darkened space, within which two projectors throw beams trained on the same spot. One of them has images rooted in childhood, the other has colour filters. The one effectively obliterates the other until a spectator intervenes by stepping through one of the beams, so that the other is left in sole possession of the screen and can be properly read for the first time. On the other hand, the whole work can function only by suggestion, since it has to be synthesised in the mind of the beholder.

Conceptual art should not depend for its effect on traditional workmanship

The other three artists selected by Andrew Renton are perhaps closer to the conceptual art of the Seventies. The most traditional is **Marie-Jane Opie**, a sculptor with strong conceptual leanings. She graduated from Middlesex Poly in 1985, and has since worked as assistant to Sir Anthony Caro. Though her sculpture imitates nobody, the connection shows, especially in her concern for immaculate craftsmanship.

She has worked a lot with plywood, sometimes arranging it in highly controlled heaps against walls, often seeing just how far the plywood will ply by pushing its bendability to the limit. For Olympia she promises a piece involving plywood and gravel and another made of clay sewage pipes.

Stephen Hepworth may be remembered from the recent Barclays prize show at the Serpentine. He is the one who filled up a wall with enlarged shorthand signs in foam rubber covered in purple velvet. This was not because visitors were supposed to know what the shorthand said: Hepworth's interest was rather in turning attention to the way that this particular language works. For Olympia he is working with another sort of signifier: the telephone number. Still velvet-covered, they are designed to look handwritten, as though on a giant scribbling board.

Catherine Yass, like Hepworth, graduated from Goldsmiths' in 1990, and works primarily with photography. Her characteristic pieces consist of transparencies of portraits shown in arrangements of light-boxes. Her mode of portraiture is often aggressive, not so much because it is inherently hostile to her subjects as because it questions sharply. Some images are highly defined, others fuzzy beyond recognition: the point lies in the way they are combined.

The London Contemporary Art Fairs have worked hard in recent years to be taken seriously, by extending their activities beyond the traditional ragbag of art traders to encompass curated shows, lectures and symposia. The sixth is no exception: with the art market still in recession it could hardly afford not to use all means to attract visitors. In addition to "London's Young Artists" the curated shows include the collection of the architect Max Gordon (of Saatchi Collection fame), who died last year, the Bryan Montgomery collection of British and American art, and a selection from the Unilever Corporate Collection.

There are four days of "Art in Discussion" presented in association with the Contemporary Art Society. And of course there are the dealers' stands, around a hundred of them from 42 cities in 16 countries.

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THEATRE

Food of love for the Bard

Martin Hoyle meets Guy Woolfenden, the man who puts Shakespeare to music

When the curtain rises on *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* at the Swan Theatre in Stratford tomorrow, Guy Woolfenden may echo Alexander the Great's cry for more worlds to conquer. The Royal Shakespeare Company's house composer will have written incidental music for every play in the Bard's canon, in some cases two or three times. "It's extraordinary how music recalls a production much more than talking about it. I find myself thinking, 'Gosh, that's where Alan Howard entered Harfleur.' "

Woolfenden joined the RSC as assistant music director in 1962, moving up two years later during "that huge project" *The Wars of the Roses*, with Peggy Ashcroft, David Warner and Ian Holm, Peter Hall directing. "We went through the tortures of the damned to get it on, but it was seminal. The RSC became a household word."

Unsmiling but benign, Woolfenden keeps a deadpan, throwaway humour in reserve, perhaps a result of nerve-straining work patterns over nearly 30 years. "I was trained by masters. Any big theatre organisation exists on controlled crisis management. If everything went according to plan it wouldn't come off.

"I cannot write on day one of rehearsals with no timing or mood to go on. You've got nothing, only a director with a vision feeling his way, and actors who haven't a clue. I worry for five or six weeks, then it comes out in a flood.

"The only thing I try not to leave late are the songs and dances: it's not fair to give them to the actors at the dress rehearsal. But incidental music? Forget it! They request it whenever it comes up, hand to mouth, day to day, like the request for a new prop, a different sword or the solution to a scene change.

"You must respond as quickly as lighting design or wardrobe. It's no more important than sets, costume or lighting. Certainly no more important than acting. It's the totality that counts."

Woolfenden is a theatre composer *par excellence*, so stage-struck at Cambridge that when he found there were no horn parts in Honegger's *Joan of Arc at the Stake*, he auditioned as a singer in his determination to take part. Turning down an RSC job at the age of 22, he spent two years freelancing as a horn with Sadler's Wells in the Colin Davis regime, where "wonderful" opera performances reinforced his passion for the stage. He finally joined the RSC through Raymond Leppard, his tutor and a Cambridge contemporary of Peter Hall, who set up the company's musical resources around the core of a wind band.

The incidental music is part of the jobbing composer's day but the songs present difficulties if, like Woolfenden, you are "in awe" of Shakespeare the song-writer. "Once you've sucked out the essence of a lyric and heard the stage crew whistle it, it's difficult to tackle again." But switching idioms according to the production is easy. "The trick is to recognise your own fingerprints and let them come out in whatever style."

Woolfenden: worries for weeks then writes rapidly

Woolfenden's commitment to the RSC comes out in anecdote and recollection, rueful as well as triumphant. "What I'm proudest of has nothing to do with a score, a tune or an award, but the technique — if the director chooses — of putting music on stage, in costume, from memory, fully integrated into the play. All over the world, theatres can't be bothered: they'd rather use records."

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BRIEFING

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FOLLOWING the sudden departure of Michael Rudman, Chichester Festival Theatre has announced a revised summer season under the direction of Patrick Garland. Rudman's plans for the musical *Till Tomorrow*, based on the songs of Don McLean, and *The Three Musketeers* have been scrapped. In their place are Shakespeare's *Henry VIII* — to star Keith Michell, directed by Ian Judge — and the ballerina Natalia Makarova in *Tovaritch*, a comedy about White Russians in 1920s Paris, directed by Garland.

Packed in

MANY would consider a film lasting 180 minutes quite long enough. Yet Kevin Costner and his co-producers of *Dances With Wolves*, emboldened by their clutch of Oscars, are thinking of replacing an hour of the snipped-away footage. A four-hour version could make its debut in cinemas, or be sliced into a television mini-series.

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Wobbling from a balanced outlook

Is the prime minister a wet, and a wimp, and wobbly? The publicity-mad nonentities of the Bruges Group and unreconstructed Thatcherite zealots may say so. I could not possibly comment, except to observe that a new leader generally has virtues and vices that differentiate him from his predecessor, and to notice the proliferation during the past ten years or so of political insults beginning with "w".

Wet is connected with wet blanket, and I think it started life in the playground, where sensitive and weak children are reduced to tears by their rowdier playmates. The earliest use in its new political connotation that I can find is from 1981. The term was originally used by Mrs Thatcher, in the old sense of soppy, feeble, liable to take the easy option.

Those members of her party or cabinet who refused to go along wholeheartedly with her hardline monetarist policies were called Wets, implying both that there was something weak and cowardly about them and that their presence diluted the efficacy of her policies. Like so many insults, it was adopted by its victims, and so came by its present meaning of liberal, leftish, anti-ideological.

Wimp was originally American. It is recorded as early as 1920 in specialist slang, but came into general use in the Seventies, and then crossed over to Britain. It means someone ineffectual and spineless — or wet. The word, it has been suggested, is derived from Wimpy in the *Popeye* cartoons. His full name is Wellington Wimpy, and he is often portrayed eating a hamburger. This is where the proprietary name for a variety of hamburger also comes from.

> **wimp²** (wimp). *slang.* (orig. U.S.) [Origin uncertain; perh. f. WHIMPER (cf. Eng. dial. *wimp* (of a dog) to whine)] A feeble or ineffectual person; one who is spineless or 'wet'.

The word is probably connected with whimper, which was originally what a dog does when it whines. Whimper grew out of an older dialect word, "whimp", also a doggish noise of discontent. I do not think there is any connection with Cambridge undergraduate slang of wimp meaning a young woman, which faded away before the American wimp came in.

The third political w-word, wobbly, is newer even than wet and wimpish. I think it is very new indeed in its present sense, used to describe somebody who wobbles in his opinions instead of having adamantive views that never swerve: "A man so various that he seem'd to be / Not one, but all mankind's epitome. / Stiff in opinions, always in the wrong; / Was everything by starts, and nothing long."

Until the late Eighties, to throw a wobbly was London slang for a violent loss of temper: someone in a fit of uncontrollable rage shakes his head and hands in a violent, uncoordinated manner. That, at least, is the plausible explanation of throwing a wobbly. But the word has now been taken over to describe a person who has flexible opinions, and tries to see all sides of a question. That is not necessarily a vice or a sin. Wimps, wets and wobblies of the world unite. We have nothing to lose but our balance.

Philip Howard

Guardians of England's glory demeaned

Marcus Binney sees Whitehall jealousy and administrative folly behind the reorganisation of English Heritage

English Heritage is at a critical point. Michael Heseltine's baby finds itself a foundling, about to be dumped at the gates of Nottingham, while its sister, the Royal Commission on Historic Monuments, is being sent to Swindon, ensuring the two will never set eyes on each other again. At the same time, English Heritage's most effective department, the London division, is likely to have its powers removed. The staff are demoralised and many are leaving.

Almost every owner of a major historic building has an angry story to recount about the incompetence of English Heritage. Many of the difficulties began with the new stepfather at the environment department, Nicholas Ridley, who made a point of beating English Heritage as often as he did local planning authorities. Although English Heritage was established by act of Parliament as the secretary of state's statutory adviser on listed building matters, under Mr Ridley a new heritage division grew up within the DoE which repeatedly overturns English Heritage's recommendations on listing and on listed building consents, as well as rejecting its evidence at public enquiries.

Despite this, and the fact that the DoE did not even have the grace to give him the list of old Ancient Monuments cardholders, English Heritage's membership has risen from nothing to 200,000 in seven years under the chairmanship of Lord Montagu. Its name is now nearly as familiar as that of the National Trust, and access to the 400 castles and abbeys in its care has been substantially improved.

Lord Montagu retires in August, and the first task for the new chairman should be to reverse the move to Nottingham. That ministers can countenance such crass administrative folly is evidence that they have failed to consider the future of their own offspring. But this is hardly surprising. The post of minister for heritage is the lowest form of life in government, and over the past five years there have been no fewer than eight of them: Lord Belstead, Lord Elton, William Waldegrave, Virginia Bottomley, Lord Caithness, Lord Hesketh, Lord Strathclyde and Baroness Blatch. And now Lady Blatch is tipped to move on to the industry department.

English Heritage should be organised with regional offices. That is the case with the monument services in France, Germany and Italy. As all these countries discovered long ago, coping with historic buildings requires regional expertise, knowledge of building materials, styles and craftsmanship, and first-hand acquaintance with planners, architects, builders and owners. This kind of specialist knowledge can be built up only by someone who lives and works locally for a long period.

If officials are all based in London or Nottingham, they must spend an inordinate amount of time out of the office, travelling. The only day one can be reasonably sure of finding many English Heritage inspectors at their London desks is Monday. This is infuriating for everyone involved. If they were based in Bath, Norwich and Newcastle, they could be out on site in the morning and back in the office in the afternoon to deal with telephone calls and correspondence. Better still, owners could visit them in their offices, establishing a working relationship, rather than waiting for peripatetic inspectors and architects to arrive, only to find that the key people are constantly changing. This often means that no decision can be taken.

A more immediate threat is contained in a paper on conservation priorities to be discussed by the commissioners of English Heritage at their meeting next week. There is a suggestion that English Heritage should concentrate on its advisory role and retreat from statutory work.

This may sound innocent enough, but it is a direct assault on the one part of English Heritage that functions effectively — the London division — and it is hard not to conclude that professional jealousy is involved. The London division is the old Historic Buildings division of the Greater London Council, and it is thanks substantially to its work that the historic fabric of London has survived decade after decade of devastating development pressures. The London division is the one part of English Heritage that has the staff, resources and experience to do its job properly. Also, it has inherited from the GLC the power to direct boroughs to refuse listed building applications, in the manner of most other monument services in Europe.

Now some are suggesting to the commissioners of English Heritage that the work of the London division is inordinately expensive. Tidy-minded officials at the DoE resent the London division having powers that do not exist for the rest of the country, and are constantly pressing, behind the scenes, for their removal. If the commissioners of English Heritage want to ensure that the organisation remains an effective guardian of listed buildings, they must reject this recommendation.

Castrating the London division would simply reduce the best part of English Heritage to the level of the entirely new, untried regional teams that will try to cover the whole of England from London or Nottingham.

In 1979, the Queen's Speech contained a ringing commitment to "bring forward measures to protect our national heritage of historic buildings and artistic treasures". What is unforgivable, a decade later, is that ministers should have quite forgotten these words, even though membership of the National Trust exceeds two million, showing that more people care for the preservation of our heritage than ever before.

The author is president of SAVE Britain's Heritage.

Peter Millar believes the new European bank will fail to solve the economic disasters of the East

A beacon obscured by the smog

It is an odd thing for the hero of a novel to start off dead. Yet that is the basis of the plot in the most recent work by Jacques Attali, a man now better known as head of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which opened in London yesterday with grandiloquent speeches.

Le Premier Jour après Moi, published last September, tells of a ghost looking back on his life, which he sees as "a journey down a road of hypocrisy, boredom and mediocrity". M Attali would abjure any parallel between his fiction and his current activity. But would he be right?

There are grounds for doubt about the motivation, expertise and common-sense behind this grand new bank. Is it really what it has been hailed as, a breath of life for the moribund economies of eastern Europe? Or is it just a *beau geste* camouflaging a dead duck?

The factories of Saxony and Bohemia are industrial disaster areas of antiquated equipment overmanned by the underskilled. To walk through the steelworks and coal mines of Lower Silesia is to descend into hell. Eastern Europe's economies have been crippled and then destroyed by managerial incompetence and rigid centralised planning. In the past, Western aid was often abused to abet that incompetence, to prop up grandiose schemes that could never work.

What is needed now is intermediate technology and know-how: an advanced version of the sort of self-help schemes proposed by Prince Charles and Sir Laurens van der Post for the third world. Instead, it is in danger of being offered dilettante philanthropy by out-of-touch idealists.

In his launch speech yesterday, M Attali painted a scenario of imminent Armageddon, which, by implication, only his bank could cure: "Unless we take great care, unemployment, recession, xenophobia and intolerance will loom." John Major put the case slightly more soberly: "Even in the euphoria we all recognised that political reform alone would not be enough ... without economic reform there could be no lasting prosperity." Fair enough. We in the West have proved that we are better at creating prosperity than anyone in eastern Europe has been over the past 40 years.

But for most of those 40 years, the governments of western Europe have hardly agreed on the means. We have experimented with state socialism and caring capitalism: the French left flirted with Stalinism, the Italians with a humane variant labelled, for its brief life, Euro-communism; the British invented the welfare state and then began to dismantle it, the Germans adopted it and made it work. It is an accident of history that, at the moment communism crumbled, Europeans reached approximate agreement about the practical rules for a democratic market economy to provide a decent standard of living for the bulk of the population irrespective of the political vagaries of the party in power. But we still differ on some principles, and even the 12 members of the European Community remain a long way from economic convergence.

To listen to Mr Major yesterday, one might have thought that London had been chosen as the home of the new bank because the world is so impressed by the Tories' privatisation record, and that this would now be the model for the new democracies. Instead, we should examine the origins of the bank. Back in the summer of 1989, when the Berlin Wall still stood, the Warsaw Pact still had a military structure and the EC was gliding idly on its argumentative way toward some form of integration, President Mitterrand of France had a dream (he is notoriously prone to them). This time he dreamt of a beacon to guide Poland and Czechoslovakia, the two east European states that had made any progress on the path to democracy, towards the new Europe. A pan-European aid scheme named *Phare* (lighthouse) was set up. Then the dam broke across the whole of eastern Europe.

Phare was inadequate. The Bank for European Reconstruction and Development — Berd — was born. M Attali and M Mitterrand wanted it to be dominated by principles of French-style socialist centralism, a beacon of a society in which the state sponsors grand schemes, while the president is the chief patron of the arts and bankers write experimental novels. The hard-nosed British and Americans, on the other hand, wanted it to be a small fund dedicated to helping private enterprise. Eventually it was agreed that Berd would be funded to the tune of 10 billion ecus (£7 billion), divided between the private and public sectors. Its board was to be composed of luminaries from all shades of opinion.

The risk is that this vast assembly of the great and the good will produce fudge after fudge, confusing the eager but inexperienced economic chiefs in the East by giving a false impression of omniscience. Too few of those running the bank have any idea of what they are about to encounter. They are experienced at tinkering — at correcting existing institutions in a functioning economy with established rules — but not at dealing with what is virtually a void.

Take the lignite mines outside Leipzig in Saxony: heavy-built men in torn boiler suits, tired and dirty after a 10-hour shift manning the giant machines that gouge brown coal from the earth, making moonscape out of the countryside in their path to fuel the thirst for power of substandard steel plants and stinking chemical works.

The bank was intended to be a French-led counterweight to the growing German dominance of the new central Europe. But there is nothing to replace the German experience, much of it bitter. The estimates of how much it will cost to bring eastern Germany into line with the rest of the country have soared to £800 billion. The fund at Berd's disposal, to be distributed across half a continent, is a drop in the ocean. But wrongly used, a single drop can be poisonous.

M Attali is right about one thing: the situation across eastern Europe is critical. Detlev Rohwedder, head of the German Treuhand privatisation agency, aimed to carry out a merciless blitzkrieg reorganisation of east German industry. It was right, but ruthless. Two weeks ago he was shot dead. And no amount of wishful thinking will bring him back. There are livelihoods at stake, and lives. Not just dreams.

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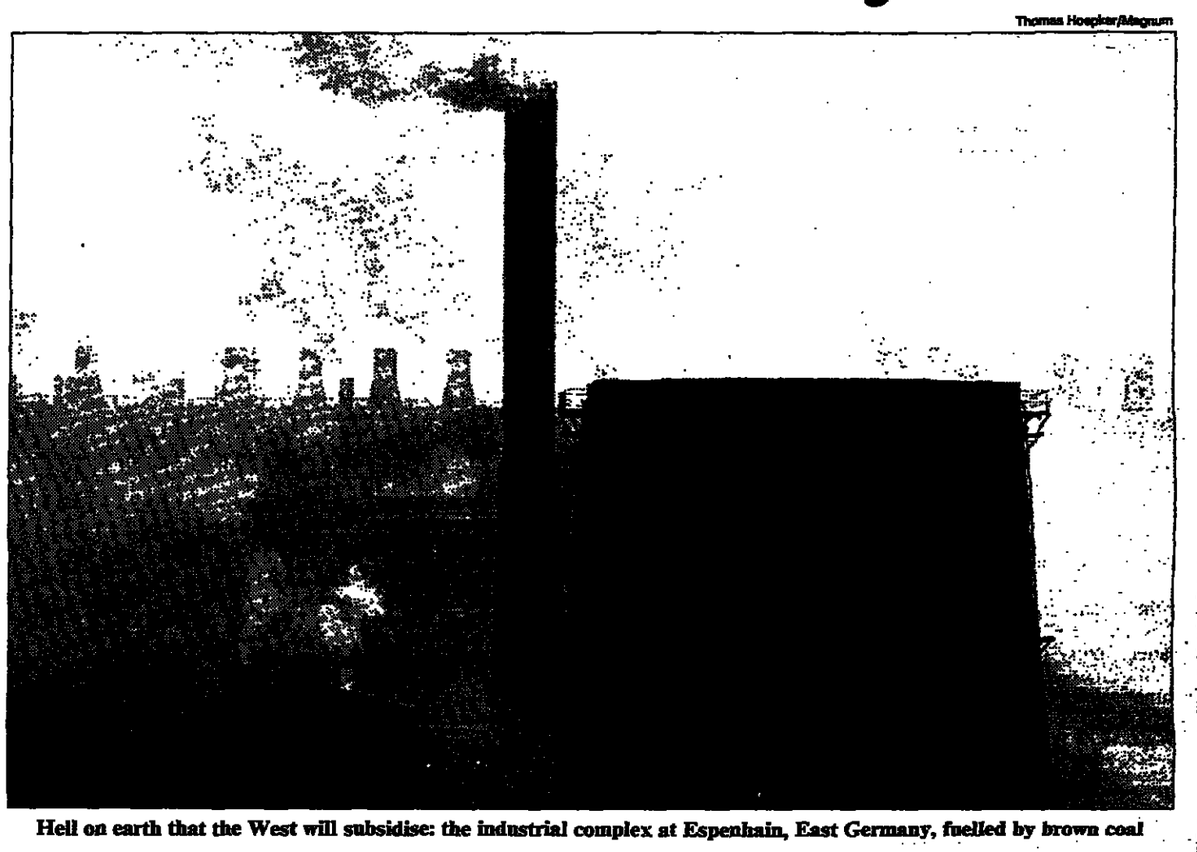

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Always provided, of course, that you have not put any of the keys for said appliances under a flowerpot. According to several of my CPW leaflets, this is the first place burglars look. If the key is not there, they poke their hands through your letter-box to see if there is anything interesting on a string, but in your case they will find only short shrift, because you have fitted a letter-box cage with self-securing lid.

You may now forget about Crime Prevention Week, because you have man's work to get on with and mouths to feed, and provided that while on the 8.06 you take care "not to sit too close to a woman, because, remember, a woman may feel threatened by what you think are admiring looks" (*Practical Ways to Crack Crime*, Kenneth Baker, Home Office Publications), you have done your bit.

For those of us who have stayed in to work, however, Crime Prevention Week is not a period of brief matutinal obeisance, it is a period of comprehensive devotion; it is much like Ramadan, except we eat even less because, remember, windows left open to allow cooking smells out will also allow burglars in, so why not fit an extractor?

I'll tell you why not, Ken. For one thing, or several, before I can drive down to buy an extractor, I will first have to "etch all car-windows, wing mirrors, lights and any hi-fi system with the registration number, and use a sticker to tell thieves that you have done so". Once I have done so, all I then have to do is find an extractor-shop adjacent to "a public car-park that is well supervised with restricted entry and exit points, good lighting, and security cameras, taking care to avoid those near overgrown landscaping which may provide cover for thieves".

Having eventually found one such, and having of course made a note of any stranger showing interest in my vehicle ("he may be admiring it ... but he could be thinking of stealing it"), I can then limp to my destination, avoiding dark alleys and concealed doorways, and regularly crossing the road "to reassure any woman walking alone that you are not following her".

I am limping, by the way, because not only do I have a wallet containing my immediate needs in my front trouser pocket with my hand firmly clasped around it, I have a shoeful of excess cash I have been advised not to leave in the house but keep securely upon my person, and I am further encumbered by the self-securing-lidded flowerpot around my neck on a stout chain equipped with a Chubb padlock hasp of not less than 4mm, because I do not know what else to do with all my keys.

You will see that it is easier not to cook. Furthermore, by not cooking I am free to engage in all manner of crime-prevention, from "planting thorny hedges along boundaries (but make sure the house is still visible to passers-by)", to marking all my belongings with my date of birth, using an invisible pen (*sic*), checking the credentials of all callers, and taking notes on anyone loitering suspiciously.

For those of us who stay in to work, this last is itself a full-time job; 9.4 per cent of all writing consists of staring out of the window, and if it is done in the attic, you would not believe the number of suspicious loiterers a hack is able to spot between sentences. Even as I type this, I can see a man four gardens away, looking under a flowerpot. Is he a householder, a gardener, a burglar, or merely an itinerant fetishist who enjoys watching woodlice copulate? Who can say?

Well, he can, if I go down and check his credentials, but I have been advised not to tackle him unless I can be sure of apprehending him, and I cannot tell from up here how big he is, or even (since I am to watch out for any weapon, however unlikely) how big the flowerpot is.

I wish I could take my eyes off him for a second. I need to go over to the bookshelf to find out who it was who said that eternal vigilance was the price of freedom, and tell him he got it the wrong way round.

DIARY

So you thought Kitty was catty

Another book is set to castigate the Reagan years in the White House, and this one is all the more hurtful for being an authorised biography. Far from coming to the rescue after the vitriol of Kitty Kelley's unofficial book about Nancy, the carefully hand-picked biographer of her husband will rub salt into the wounds with his conclusion that Reagan was not up to the job.

Edmund Morris was chosen by Nancy Reagan six years ago to burnish her husband's place in history. A former British advertising executive, he received a £2 million advance for the book, which is due for publication in autumn 1992. Morris's Pulitzer-Prize-winning biography of President Theodore Roosevelt had impressed the Reagans, who probably anticipated a similarly flattering portrait. They gave Morris remarkable access to the White House during their last four years there. After a routine FBI security check, he was able to sit in on presidential meetings, spent off-duty time with the couple, and even accompanied Reagan to the 1985 Geneva summit with President Gorbachev. He has also been granted access to the former leader's papers and diaries.

The couple may live to regret their decision, however, for the result will be far from hagiography. "Edmund's no muck-raker," says a senior publishing source in New York. "He's a top-notch author who is going to be blunt about Reagan's presidency and pretty damning about his capacity for the job — rather unusual for an official biography."

Georges Borchardt, the literary agent handling the book in New York, says Morris will deal with all sorts of matters the Reagans have tried to brush under the carpet, such as Ronald's first marriage to Jane Wyman. "It will be a totally independent work. The Reagans have no veto and probably won't even see it before it appears," he says.

● *Reassuring news for all those who have slogged unsuccessfully around Tory selection conferences. John Wilkinson, MP for Ruislip-Northwood, has just learnt that among the 250 hopefuls he saw off when selected for the seat in 1975 was John Major. The future prime minister did not even make the shortlist of three, in which Wilkinson beat Nigel Forman (who later became MP for Carshalton) and Alan Haselhurst (who now represents Saffron Walden). Major's career clearly suffered no lasting damage. But what of the three considered at the time more promising? Backbenchers all.*

Boris the good

Boris Yeltsin, in Strasbourg yesterday to address Euro MPs, is one of those people who inspire either total admiration or loathing. Ruth Cartledge is an unashamed fan. She got to know him during the three years from 1985 when her husband, Sir Bryan Cartledge, was British ambassador to Moscow.

"Yeltsin is brilliant," she says. To illustrate why he is so popular with the man in the street, she tells of the incident that first made her aware of him. He went into a Moscow shop and told the assistants: "Smile and hurry up because you have a long queue waiting," adding: "And bring out that sausage at the back that you are going to sell on the black market."

Now living in Oxford, where her husband is principal of Linacre College, Lady Cartledge is planning a book about her time in Moscow. She has given it the working title *What Cannot Happen Happens in Russia*.

Scotch on the rocks

Much merriment in the Scottish Tories' new headquarters over an 8ft model of a sailing ship which has been given pride of place in the foyer. It is called the Great Michael, and some party wags are suggesting that its history is not dissimilar to that of another flagship that set sail in Scotland, the community charge.

The Great Michael took five years to plan and build. The cost was enormous. According to popular legend it consumed all the forest of Fife, about 22,000 mature trees. But within two years of being launched in 1511, the ship sank without trace, with the loss of all hands. What replaced it? No one at Tory head office seems to know.

● *Among the controversial modern songs chosen by the new Archbishop of Canterbury for his enthronement on Friday and attacked by supporters of traditional liturgy is "Sing of the Lord's goodness". It is said to be notable for its "catchy five-bar rhythm", using popular influences "from Dave Brubeck to* Godspell*". Dr Carey has clearly decided that if the devil should not have all the best tunes, neither should any one denomination. The tune was written by Ernest Sands, a Roman Catholic parish priest in Birkenhead.*

V for voluminous

What is probably the largest private collection of material on Winston Churchill is about to be broken up because it has grown too big. The 4,500 books and magazine articles, written in several languages, have been amassed by Mark Weber, treasurer of the International Churchill Society, whose members include Lady Soames, Churchill's daughter, and Martin Gilbert, his biographer. The collection is worth £100,000.

"It breaks my heart to sell," Says Weber, "but there is no room in my flat for any more." The 500 titles which are for sale date from the turn of the century to 1965 and range in price from £50 to £600.

The people who live beneath Weber's second-floor flat in South Kensington will be pleased at the decision. Weber's floor is straining under the weight of the collection. "It was when my bookcase collapsed, breaking an antique table, that I knew the collection had to be slimmed," he says. "I could not find my telephone for four days."

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HAVEN FOR THE KURDS

Serious confusion now surrounds Western policy towards the Kurds. The prime minister, John Major, appears to envisage militarily defended "safe havens" for the Kurdish minority within Iraq. The Americans emphatically do not. Without American support, at least from the air, such havens can have little meaning. British troops have withdrawn almost completely from the Gulf, yet Mr Major on Sunday grandly declared his intention to "provide a longer-term solution to the problem of the Kurds". He admitted that he may well end the affair with "egg on my face". Iraq has promised to smash his havens, though it did yesterday admit UN observers to the Kurdish region.

On the surface, the safe havens were a gauche attempt by Mr Major, under backstairs pressure from "friends" of Margaret Thatcher, to appear as tough with President Saddam Hussein as his predecessor would have been. The left wing goads Mr Major on, oddly finding in the Kurds a cause for military adventurism it failed to see in the Kuwaitis. Mr Major seems ready to be goaded. But he risks repeating the mistake President Bush made during the war, in leading the Kurds to count on more support than can possibly be delivered.

As long as Saddam Hussein is in power, there is little hope of true security for Kurds inside Iraq: little hope, but that little hope is, for the time being, all there is to build on. The alternative is for the Kurds to become the new Palestinians of the Middle East, an unwanted migratory people, pawns in the political games of others.

Any Western bid to set up militarily defended zones round the towns and cities of northern Iraq would encourage the Kurds in a civil war against Saddam, probably with the tacit, possibly with the active, support of Turkey and Iran. This would entail a long-term commitment, and de facto partition of Iraq. The logistical, international and diplomatic implications of such intervention, have not been spelt out by Mr Major, though they are plain enough in Washington.

To help refugees wherever they can be reached and to save their lives is one thing. To finance and arm a military insurrection, however just its cause, is another. Mr Major appears to be calling for the first while threatening the second. His hope is that Saddam, in response to regional and global pressure and to obtain relief from sanctions, may be induced not just to accept UN observers to the Kurdish areas but let them stay and become, in effect, guarantors of Kurdish security.

If the civilian observers are no more than guests of Saddam's regime, to visit, see no evil and depart, they will have served no purpose and will leave Mr Major's plan as naked as before. The best hope is that they can enter the Kurdish areas in strength and stay as personal witnesses (or hostages) to Saddam's good behaviour as the refugees return, perhaps buying time for some new Kurdish settlement while American planes continue to circle overhead. If this is Mr Major's hope, then good luck to him, though he did not help his cause by implying that the world should arm the observers (and the Kurds?) against Saddam's troops.

Ever since the expedition to free Kuwait, the world has been pushing nervously at the boundaries of what might be acceptable intervention in the internal affairs of nations. A UN involvement on the ground in Iraq may not amount to much, but if it secures a safe migration of Kurds back into Iraq it will have achieved both a humanitarian purpose and broken new territory. It would imply a new form of monitoring of human rights abuses, of scrutiny on the ground backed up by economic and diplomatic sanctions — with military might in the background. The concept is sound, but Mr Major would help it more were he less confusing in explaining and defending it.

JOB FOR THE BOYS

Labour's national executive committee spent yesterday "tidying up" (or should it be "watering down"?) the party's election manifesto. But the outcome of the next general election may also be determined in last night's second engagement, between the party's officers and 27 Lambeth councillors. The councillors represent the remainder of the council's Labour group, after the recent decision of the national party to suspend 13 others, including the council leader, Joan Twelves. Neil Kinnock craves headlines trumpeting the demise of his lunatic left more than any other electoral boon.

Constitutionally, the suspension of the 13 was an outrage. These are the elected members of the borough council, chosen for good or ill by local people to represent their interests. If they choose to fly the Pan African Congress flag from the town hall, or rename public parks after Asian politicians, or pay host to Sinn Fein, so be it. The people of Lambeth may throw them out at the next election if they do not like them. The apparatchiks of Walworth Road cannot complain that the Tory government is riding roughshod over local democracy and then do the same themselves.

Mr Kinnock has never stood as well in the polls as when he threw out the Liverpool Militants after the party conference in 1985. He has no intention of being "constitutionalised" out of taking the strong action he favours. Indeed, some of his colleagues regret that there are so few left to expel.

While Lambeth is a blot on south London, neighbouring Southwark has returned to sanity. While Hackney offered courses for bereaved black lesbians, Islington proclaims its dedication to efficiency in the provision of services. So does Birmingham, so do Sheffield and Newcastle. Though the Wirral is still influenced by Militant, as reported in *The Times* today, the Trotskyists are in full retreat in the city just across the Mersey.

The emergence of the urban left in Britain is a phenomenon much analysed. It owes something to a politically active generation that never outgrew the late 1960s. It owes more to the defects of local finance, which meant that residents were insulated from the cost of high spending by rebates. And it was buttressed by the power of local town hall unions, assisted by the rules of the Labour party. These rules allowed the unions to sit on the party committees that chose local councillors and to punish, with deselection, those who acted against their members' interests. This was pure Tammany Hall politics and still applies in Lambeth, where the sloth of much of the workforce is as damaging to the interests of local residents as the councillors' ideology. The 13 councillors deserve what they are getting less because of their beliefs, than because of their subservience to the bidding of their unions.

Mr Kinnock has not controlled this problem on his own. None has cheered his efforts louder than the national leaderships of the local government unions, disgusted by the tinpot dictators operating in their name at local level. They have given Mr Kinnock an executive and a conference that will vote for expulsions whenever he wants them to.

This is effective but hardly democratic. The long-term solution is to ensure that all Labour councillors are chosen by a one-person one-vote ballot of party members. The local unions should be stripped of their special rights and privileges over selection. Until this is done, the suspicion that Labour locally is still a party for the providers of services rather than for the consumers will haunt its leader, and hamper its chances of electoral advance.

OPENING UP THE OPERA

Over 200 hopeful men lined up yesterday in a shabby anteroom in Earl's Court to show off their spear-carrying skills to the producers of *Tosca*, being staged in the stadium in June. Over five nights, 65,000 people will pay between £25 and £45 to hear a cast of nearly 300 headed by Julia Migenes belt out Puccini through heavily-amplifying speakers. The promotional, marketing and production techniques borrow heavily from rock music. But opera buffs should not sniff too loudly. The opera boom of the past decade should be welcomed as a sign that this country is becoming more not less civilised.

In Italy, opera has always appealed to the masses. In Britain (perhaps excepting Wales) it has acquired an exclusively middle-class image. English National Opera has proved that it is possible to attract a wider audience to watch slim Britons singing foreign operas in English. Now Terry Dicks, the arts world's least favourite MP, can no longer attack subsidies for the "fat cats" who go to the opera: "an overweight Italian singing in his own language".

The established opera houses are sometimes reluctant to concede that if traditional opera is an acquired taste, unmelodic modern opera is even more so. Connoisseurs of the esoteric may sneer at the tunefulness of Puccini, but newcomers can find even the sound of a trained voice and the artificiality of the plot difficult to get used to. To assume that those who have just begun to fall for *Madam Butterfly*, *La traviata*, or even *Der Rosenkavalier* will also melt at operas by Alban Berg or Schoenberg is optimistic, as ENO discovered to its cost this season. While *Tosca* and *Die Zauberflöte* won audiences of 85 and 88 per cent, Berg's *Wozzeck* only half filled the Coliseum.

That is not to say that the opera houses should ignore the modern repertoire. ENO should be congratulated for sustaining a season divided entirely between Mozart and the twentieth century. Next month, the Royal Opera House will host the première of Harrison Birtwistle's *Sir Gawain*, and Steven Oliver's *Timon of Athens* will have its first performance at the Coliseum. Doubtless, Covent Garden will fail to fill the 94 per cent of its seats that has been its remarkably high average for the season. But any art form, to maintain its vibrancy, must encourage the new.

What opera is starting to see in Britain has been evident in many art forms for centuries: a division between the *cognoscenti* and the rest. Almost everybody goes to the cinema; only a tiny few frequent film festivals. Those who go to their local Odeon to catch the latest Steven Spielberg movie might baulk at Andrei Tarkovsky. But the fact that so many want to see mainstream films allows film companies to put money into riskier, more artistic ventures.

Until recently in this country, the opera has been watched only by *cognoscenti*. Some of the new breed of opera-lovers may learn to love less accessible modern composers. But those who do not will still help the contemporary art form to thrive. The afficionados should be grateful to those who, enthused by *Aida*, *Carmen* or *Tosca* in a stadium, graduate to Mozart, Verdi and Puccini in an opera house. Their cross-subsidy will be what keeps modern opera alive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Labour thrust on crime prevention

From the Shadow Home Secretary

Sir, In today's editorial, "Neither prevented nor cured" (April 15), you describe the statement that we are now facing "the worst crime wave in our history" as "alarmist nonsense". It is a simple statement of fact. In 1990 there were 4.5 million reported crimes, an increase of 17 per cent over the previous year and the highest level of crime ever recorded.

You then go on to take issue with my assertion that "people are the victims, they are not the cause". Of course we must all be more vigilant, but to suggest that the victims of crime only have themselves to blame is to ignore the misery and suffering caused to millions by the present crime wave.

Your editorial goes further than simply ignoring the suffering caused by burglaries and break-ins. But, as well as being callous, it is patently absurd. To advocate, as you do, that the public be discouraged from reporting petty crime is a preposterous proposition. It would give the green light to thousands of petty thieves and guarantee a crime wave of monumental proportions. The result would be a total collapse in the relationship between police and public.

What the people of this country want is a lower crime rate and that can only come about through more effective methods of crime prevention. The government's public relations exercise will not do. Spending £4.5 million on advertising — one pound for every crime reported in 1990 — will not put a single extra police officer on the beat or improve the lighting in a single street.

The Labour party has produced a comprehensive crime-prevention policy based on a close partnership between police, public and local authorities. It is cost-effective and has been broadly welcomed by Crime Concern, the body most directly involved.

We will implement it. And in so doing, we will place the needs and demands of the victim at the forefront of our activities rather than pursuing the policies of despair advocated by your newspaper.

Yours faithfully,
ROY HATTERSLEY,
House of Commons.
April 15.

From Ms Nanette Moore

Sir, You report today "government efforts to make the public shoulder more responsibility for tackling crime". I await with interest government efforts to make criminals shoulder more responsibility for committing crimes.

Yours faithfully,
NANETTE MOORE,
137 Wheatley Lane Road,
Barrowford, Nelson, Lancashire.
April 10.

Quality of teachers

From Mr Rodney E. B. Atkinson

Sir, Martin Jacques ("How teachers can again walk tall", April 3) is right to advise against "teacher-baiting", but having identified the decline in professionalism among teachers, his solution — to promise those same teachers a 20 per cent pay rise — cannot be taken seriously.

The quality of teachers has indeed declined as their relative remuneration and social status have fallen. Public-sector pay is a lottery because governments which are driven by political pressure have chosen to determine levels of pay rather than allow an independent body to set standards. As a result a Conservative government has probably been too generous to the police and armed services just as a Labour government would have a penchant for social workers and teachers.

The solution is for the government to withdraw from pay determination and link public and private-sector pay through a "surrogate market" mechanism. My recent Bow Group paper, "Conservatism in Danger", proposed a "public-sector standards board" which would replace collective bargaining and all existing pay boards in the public sector.

The board would set, monitor and maintain standards of employee throughout the public sector. The government would then have to pay whatever the market price of such employees proved to be. Not only would such a system depoliticise public-sector pay, but relative pay within each profession would be more easily determined and many high-grade professionals at present excluded from education would find their way into the classroom.

The consumer of public goods and services would be better served, teachers of the right calibre would certainly be better paid and the descent into the worst excesses of trade unionism would be reversed.

Yours sincerely,
RODNEY E. B. ATKINSON,
60 Ashbourne Court,
Woodside Park Road, N12.

In the doghouse

From Mrs Meryl Docker

Sir, It is obvious from his assessment of the Yorkshire terrier — incontinence apart — that Dr Knight (April 1) has never owned a Jack Russell.

Yours etc.,
MERYL DOCKER,
Rosemary Cottage, Chapel Road,
Old Newton, Stowmarket, Suffolk.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

Turkey replies to critics on Kurds' aid

From the Ambassador of Turkey

Sir, May I say how strongly I object to the allegations of "bureaucracy" and "corruption" that your report, "Desperation in the camps" (April 13), attributed to Turkish authorities in their effort to provide relief to the refugees on the Turkish-Iraqi border.

There are approximately 600,000 refugees amassed at the border region. The terrain is one of the most rugged in the world with ridges and plateaux that reach about 10,000 feet. The few dirt roads available into the area, already churned into rivers of mud, are at many places narrower than the actual axle-width of the trucks carrying relief materials up the mountainsides. Unbelievably harsh climatic conditions do not help either.

Under these impossible circumstances the Turkish government, the Red Crescent society, the army, the local authorities and the very inhabitants of the region are spending every humanly possible effort to ensure that the maximum amount of relief material available reaches the refugees.

You report accusations against the Turkish authorities of obstruction and corruption. Allow me to give you some shocking statistics: 100,000 tents are required to shelter 600,000 refugees if each would accommodate six persons. At the *start of the influx of the refugees the* Turkish Red Crescent society immediately despatched all of the 1,700 tents available to it.

Despite frantic calls to the entire international community, only 6,500 tents were received from abroad as of April 11. Whereas 1,200,000 blankets are required, two for each individual, only 152,000 could be secured.

Six hundred thousand loaves of bread have to be supplied to the refugees every single day. This means 450 tonnes of flour a day. Even if the flour were available, where do you bake them and how do you deliver them to the masses?

Time and again the Turkish government stated clearly that in this part of the country adequate infrastructure does not exist to cope with this colossal human tragedy. Moreover, the daily cost of maintaining these masses is estimated to be approximately £500,000. *This is the magnitude of the colossal* humanitarian problem which confronts the whole of humankind.

Given the geographical realities, the relief operations will have to rely absolutely on the availability of hundreds of giant cargo helicopters if materials and foodstuffs are to reach the masses. Air drops from a squadron or two of fixed-wing aircraft are ineffectual and inaccurate and lead to riots, even casualties, as we all witnessed at the spots where the materials land.

Only the UK, Germany and the US responded to our calls by deploying some numbers of Chinook-type helicopters. We need, however, hundreds and not scores of such rotary-wing aircraft. When will these hundreds be available? It seems that in the abundance of criticism a concerted international effort is conspicuous by its absence.

As for the charges of corruption, evidence should be provided, which I commit myself to pursue to the end. Surely you will agree that accusation without foundation is *debasing*.

Expressions of humanitarian sentiments are easy to make and rhetoric appears to have become the fashion of the day; whereas in Turkey we are already well involved in emergency assistance, whenever and wherever we can reach the masses, and all is done on the basis of Turkey's meagre resources.

Yours sincerely,
NURVER NURES,
Turkish Embassy,
43 Belgrave Square, SW1.
April 14.

Nurses' status

From Mrs A. D. MacInnes

Sir, The skills of nursing (leading article, April 4; letters, April 6, 11) are different from those of medicine. I see the image problem stemming from two areas: first, the need for women to develop their assertiveness and self-worth, and secondly, older nurses such as myself were trained without research skills.

This denied us a knowledge base, which medicine already had, when dealing with other disciplines. More recently, however, trained nurses are taught to question, and slowly nurses are expanding their research skills and knowledge base.

As an independent practitioner in health visiting, part of my job involves making referrals to and accepting them from medical and social agencies for families on my caseload. I do not feel the need to add MB ChB after my name to improve my nursing image.

Yours sincerely,
ANN MacINNES,
521 High Street,
Newarthill,
Motherwell,
Strathclyde.

From Dr Jane Bowskill

Sir, I am a general practitioner and qualified as a state-registered nurse in 1975. I must challenge your leader's assumption that it is the medical profession who prevent nurses from expanding their role. Having been a part of both systems I feel that it is the nursing hierarchy which increasingly undermines nurses' confidence in their ability to take on more complex or paramedical tasks.

As an example, the practice nurse I employ has been told that she must not undertake various tasks until she has a signed certificate from me saying that she is competent to do so. She has been in practice for nearly 30 years, syringing ears, giving injections, etc., all this time.

The local district nurses cannot even give a glycerine suppository to a constipated patient or change the type of dressing applied to a wound without an order in writing — on the required "pink form" too.

The nurses' constant fear seems to be that they are not "covered" to do certain things without a doctor's written authority.

Yours sincerely,
S. J. BOWSKILL,
48 Lower Ham Road,
Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

A lesson for Tories?

From Mrs Edwina Currie, MP for Derbyshire South (Conservative)

Sir, My colleague, Alistair Burt, MP (April 15), is quite right to express concern about disunity in the Conservative party. We are talking ourselves into a quite unnecessary corner. But then, with expatriate eccentrics like Sir Alan Walters as friends, who needs enemies?

The electorate are, I suspect, much more shrewd than we realise about John Major's promise and performance to date. Your own Mori poll summary (report, April 15) showed he still has the approval of 58 per cent of voters, only 2 per cent down on his astonishing (and surely unsustainable) January peak. His ratings are persistently also well above those of both Mr Kinnock and Mr Ashdown.

The new PM is notably a lot more popular than the rest of us in the Tory party. Who knows? Perhaps a thoughtful approach to the confusing problems of the 1990s, a firm belief in consultation and a courteous manner are genuinely appreciated by the British public. There's a lesson there for all of us, commentators and critics alike.

Yours sincerely,
EDWINA CURRIE,
House of Commons.
April 15.

Church reappraisal

From the Reverend Michael Hamilton Sharp

Sir, Nicolas Stacey (April 4), asking the Church of England to consider its deployment of clergy, suggests more involvement in secular life. Here he is right. But there has to be also the ministry to communities in town and countryside.

To be real, this ministry has to be local and personal. A priest with eight parishes may have (if he is lucky) a maintaining ministry, but not an advancing one.

To advance means costly personal contact. Every community however small needs its spiritual leader. If this cannot be a paid priest, then a trained non-stipendiary or a lay person must fulfil the role.

The Church needs desks, computers and answering telephones, but it cannot have them without something else. The traditional idea of the parson in his (one) parish is unpopular with bishops and synods, but is, I submit, correct.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL HAMILTON SHARP,
Tunstall Old School,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

From Mr Mark Hedley

Sir, Surely Nicolas Stacey is wrong about the Church of England's priorities. A swift perusal of synod agendas or diocesan business might lead a casual observer to believe that the Church thinks of little else other than its stipendiary staff and their ministries.

Surely the Church's priority should be to equip and set free its lay members truly to be salt, light and yeast in God's world, rather than absorbing their energies into the institution to help hard-pressed clergy run a style of ministry which indeed may no longer be appropriate. Surely what is needed are "radical measures" to use all Christian people, not merely the clergy, "in more imaginative ways".

Yours faithfully,
MARK HEDLEY,
55 Everton Road, Liverpool 6.

From the Rector of The Caundles with Folke and Holwell

Sir, The views expressed by Mr Stacey have been heard before. At such times it is helpful to remember that worship is offered vicariously in our parish churches on behalf of the entire parish — "we and all thy whole Church" (prayer of oblation in the Book of Common Prayer).

Numbers are relatively unimportant and small congregations are certainly not demoralising. In fact they encourage us by the knowledge that at least "the few" are doing their duty for the parish.

None the less, in my eight villages with six churches, not five, and a total population of some 1,600 we rarely reach down to single figures. The past month has always been double figures, including Wednesday evenings during Lent and Easter. Communicants amounted to 14 per cent of the population.

Of course, we only use the Book of Common Prayer and the parson has been here for a quarter of a century!

Be of good courage.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK JOHN HILLIER,
The Rectory, Bishops Caundle,
Sherborne, Dorset.
April 4.

A national forum on local issues

From Professor R. A. W. Rhodes and others

Sir, The government has embarked on a major review of the finance, structure, functions and internal management of local authorities. Nothing has been ruled out of this review.

Ideas canvassed include matters of great constitutional significance, such as the nationalisation of higher education and the removal of police funding from local government. Ideas untried in this country, like elected mayors, are being promoted.

A sharp reduction in the number of councillors and a fundamental change in the nature of representative democracy is contemplated. The present structure of local government, extensively and laboriously assembled relatively recently, is being re-examined.

The review is being conducted in a matter of weeks. Monitoring the options and alternatives is confined to the Department of the Environment and a cabinet committee. There has been no general invitation to submit ideas and no promotion of public discussion. Few realise the extent and implications of the ideas being proposed.

Local government is a vital part of the government of the country. It has faced a decade of unprecedented change. Any further changes must command agreement and be designed to endure beyond this century. As independent political scientists, we urge government to promote a wider debate of these issues, under the supervision of an independent body such as a royal commission.

Yours faithfully,
R. A. W. RHODES (York University),
ALAN ALEXANDER (Scottish Local Authorities Management Centre),
JOHN BENNINGTON (Warwick),
VERNON BOGDANOR (Oxford),
MIKE CAMPBELL (Leeds Polytechnic),
NICHOLAS DEAKIN (Birmingham),
MALCOLM GRANT (London University),
JOHN GYFORD (University College London),
DILYS HILL (Southampton),
P. M. JACKSON (Leicester),
PETER JOHN (Policy Studies Institute),
BARRY JONES (University of Wales),
VALERIE KARN (Salford),
JULIAN LE GRAND (Bristol),
MARTIN LOUGHLIN (Glasgow),
STEWART RANSON (Birmingham),
BRIAN ROBSON (Manchester),
JEFFREY STANYER (Exeter),
J. D. STEWART (Birmingham),
MURRAY STEWART (Bristol),
University of York,
Department of Politics,
Heslington, York,
April 12.

Beneath the surface

From the Chairman of the Advertising Standards Authority

Sir, Since I took up my post in January I have obviously pondered about the kind of issue raised by Bernard Levin ("Ignore this petty coterie", April 15) on what the subheading calls "the row over Swedish undie ads".

The ASA's job is to see that advertisements are legal, decent, honest and truthful. Clearly decency, as the most subjective of these criteria, is overall the hardest to determine.

Research may be of some limited help. Research which the ASA published last year suggested that perhaps half the general public objected to the irrelevant use of women in advertising, and quite a bit more to the use of sex as a selling device. Only a third, however, felt that women are demeaned in advertising. But there is a minority which feels passionately on this subject.

The question which has faced the ASA council over the years is how to find a commonsense balance between strongly held minority views and the perhaps less passionate views of the majority. We should not be ruled by minorities, but we should respect their feelings.

Yours faithfully,
TIMOTHY RAISON, Chairman,
Advertising Standards Authority,
Brook House,
2-16 Torrington Place, WC1.
April 15.

Wrong pitch

From Mr Bruce Garner

Sir, I note your heading (B flat?) to Mr Walker's letter today, and recall the humming bee (*Bombus terrestris*, no doubt) that settled on my arm one summer day and, in response to my playful overtures, stung me. I forget now the pitch of its hum, but the sting was certainly B sharp.

Yours etc.,
BRUCE H. GARNER,
2 River Meadow,
Hemingford Abbots,
Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.
April 12.

From Mr Tony Pristavec

Sir, I was intrigued to read that the bumble bee appears to have changed its pitch from C sharp below middle C to D below middle C.

It is obvious that the humble creature has given up the annoying practice of performing at "baroque" pitch. We can only hope it has set a precedent.

Yours faithfully,
TONY PRISTAVEC
(Concerts Manager),
Victor Hochhauser Ltd.,
4 Oak Hill Way, NW3.
April 12.

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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 15: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited HMS Campbeltown at Portsmouth and were received by Rear-Admiral David Bawtree (Flag Officer Portsmouth) and Captain J.M. de Halpert, RN (Captain, HMS Campbeltown).

The Lady Elton, Sir Kenneth Scott, Mr Charles Anson and Wing Commande David Walker, RAF, were in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Sussex) was present at Gatwick Airport, London this morning upon the departure of The President of the Republic of Chile and Señora de Aylwin and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Reay (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the arrival of The President of the Republic of Ireland and Mr Robinson and welcomed Her Excellency and Mr Robinson on behalf of Her Majesty.

By command of The Queen, the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne (Lord in Waiting) was present at Royal Air Force Northolt this morning upon the arrival of The President of the French Republic and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Cavendish of Furness (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the departure of The President of the Republic of Ireland and Mr Robinson and bade farewell to Her Excellency and Mr Robinson on behalf of Her Majesty.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Reay (Lord in Waiting) was present at Royal Air Force Northolt this evening upon the departure of The President of the French Republic and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Reay (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this evening upon the departure of The President of The Czech and Slovak Federal Republic and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 15: This morning The Princess Royal attended the Royal African Society Conference at St John's College, University of Cambridge and was received by Captain Nigel Chancellor (Deputy Lieutenant of Cambridge).

Afterwards Her Royal Highness visited Hollesley and Ipswich and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Suffolk (Sir Joshua Rowley, Bt.).

The Princess Royal, Patron, the Butler Trust, visited the Young Offenders Institution Hollesley Bay Colony, Hollesley, Woodbridge.

Subsequently, Her Royal Highness, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, attended the Hollesley Group Fun Day at Poplar Park Equestrian Centre, Hollesley, Woodbridge.

Finally The Princess Royal visited the Thomas Wolsey Special School, Norwich Road, Ipswich.

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 15: The Prince of Wales received Mr John Dawson (Director of Roads, Scottish Development Office).

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Help the Aged, attended a banquet for industry leaders at the Mansion House, London EC4.

Mrs Max Pike and Mr Patrick Jephson were in attendance.

The Queen of Denmark celebrates her birthday today.

Birthdays today

Lord Aberconway, 78; Sir Kingsley Amis, author, 69; Miss Joan Bakewell, broadcaster, 58; Lord Camoys, 51; Sir James Fawcett, QC, former president, European Commission of Human Rights, 78; Sir John Harvey-Jones, former chairman, ICI, 67; Mr Michael Hirst, chief constable, Leicestershire, 53; Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, MP, 67; Miss Margaret Maden, educationist, 51; Miss Ruth Madoc, actress, 48; Mr Henry Mancini, composer, 67; Mr P.I. Marshall, chairman, Ocean Group, 64; Mr Spike Milligan, author and comedian, 73; Sir Geoffrey Owen, former editor, *Financial Times*, 57; Judge Rant, QC, Judge Advocate General, 55; Sir John Robson, diplomat, 61; Miss Gabriela Sabatini, tennis player, 21; Miss Constance Shacklock, opera singer, 78; Dr W.T. Stearn, botanist, 80; Professor Barbara Tizard, educationist, 65; Sir Peter Ustinov, actor, 70.

Ealing Abbey

Dom Laurence Soper, OSB, was elected fourth Abbot of Ealing on April 10, 1991. Born in 1943, he entered the novitiate at Ealing in 1964, becoming Bursar in 1975 and Prior in 1984. He succeeds Abbot Francis Rossiter, OSB, who was Abbot of Ealing for 24 years and who continues as Abbot President of the English Benedictine Congregation.

Viscount De L'Isle

A memorial service for Viscount De L'Isle, VC, KG, will be held at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on Thursday, May 23, 1991, at noon. Those wishing to attend should apply for tickets to the Regimental Adjutant, Grenadier Guards, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London, SW1E 6HQ, by Tuesday, April 30, 1991.

Dr Harold Blakemore

A memorial service for Dr Harold Blakemore will be held at The University Church of Christ the King, Gordon Square, London WC1, at 12.30 pm on Friday, April 26, 1991.

Spencer Gascoyne Maurice

A memorial service for Spencer Gascoyne Maurice will be held in Lincoln's Inn Chapel, on Wednesday, May 22, 1991, at 5.00 pm.

Memorial service

Major S.E. Bolitho
The Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Major Simon Edward Bolitho held yesterday in Truro Cathedral. The Dean of Truro officiated and the Bishop of Truro pronounced the blessing. Canon R. Osborne and Major Edward Bolitho, son, read the lessons. Captain Anthony Tupper gave an address.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will open the Copthorne Hotel, Cippenham, Berkshire, at noon.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a reception given by the City of London Squadron Association at Butchers' Hall at 6.30.

The Princess of Wales will open the Sedgemoor Splash indoor swimming pool complex at Bridgwater, Somerset, at 11.40; will visit the Six Acres Day Centre for adults with learning difficulties, Roman Road, Taunton, at 12.40; and visit the Richard Huish College, South Road, Taunton, at 1.55.

The Duchess of York will open the Social Education Centre, Telford College of Arts and Technology, Wellington, at 11.00; open Innage Grange, Bridgnorth, at 12.15; and reopen Copthorne Barracks in Shrewsbury at 2.30.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Patrons of Crime Concern, will attend the launch of the Youth Crime Prevention Campaign at Stationers' Hall at 11.00; will attend the WRVS national conference "Focus on Families" at Nottingham University at 2.15; and, as Patron of British Executive Service Overseas, will attend a reception at Buckingham Palace at 6.30.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Royal Armouries Development Trust, will visit the Royal Armouries Collection at HM Tower of London at 2.45.

The Duchess of Kent will open the new phasmapheresis and blood donor centre in Birmingham at 11.10; open the cancer ward at the Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry, at 12.30; and open the new sports hall at Rugby School at 2.55.

Luncheon

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon held yesterday at Lancaster House for heads of state and government and other ministers to mark the inaugural meeting of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Receptions

HM Government
Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at the Durbar Court, Foreign and Commonwealth Officer, for delegates and guests attending the inauguration of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Lord Norrie
Lord Norrie was host at a reception at the House of Lords for UK2000, the national environmental network, yesterday. Principal guests included Lord Waddington, Baroness David and Viscount Astor.

Part of rare cross found

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

PART of a rare gold and garnet cross has been found by Scottish archaeologists. Dating to the sixth or seventh century, the cross has been compared with that buried with St Cuthbert in Durham Cathedral.

The fragment, about half an inch long, comes from one of the four arms of the cross, which is estimated to have been about three inches in diameter. It consists of a gold base with filigree work holding garnets, the same technique seen in the quasi-contemporary Sutton Hoo treasure in the British Museum.

The find was made near Dunbar Castle, East Lothian. Dunbar was the site of an Anglo-Saxon royal palace; sited on Doon Hill above the town, it was excavated by Mr Brian Hope-Taylor in 1964-65. The present find comes from the town, however, where occupation back to Roman times has been documented.

OBITUARIES

SIR FREDERICK PEDLER

Sir Frederick Pedler, colonial administrator, businessman and African scholar, died on April 6 aged 82. He was born on July 10, 1908.

"FRED Pedler — an old friend of colonial office days — who has been in Dakar, came to see me (in Algiers). He has been promoted to a good position in the CO. He richly deserves it, being intelligent, hard working and tough." This quotation from Harold Macmillan's war diaries sums up much of Frederick Pedler's character. For 40 years he was at the centre of events in Africa. He had a capacity for making and keeping friends, a high level of intellectual attainment combined with an ability to achieve practical results and was certainly tough in pursuit of his objectives, though this toughness was tempered by a strong sense of social justice and a concern for the individual.

He was born in London, son of a wholesale tea merchant, and attended Watford Grammar School, where he became head boy and captain of rugby. He retained a life-long enthusiasm for the school and as chairman of the governors for 10 years in the 1960s and 1970s conducted a long and successful campaign to preserve it as a centre of excellence.

He won a scholarship to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where he took a starred first in the history tripos. Again, there was a life-long interest. He later served on the college investment committee and saw a son and a grandson follow him to Caius.

He entered the administrative grade of the civil service, choosing the colonial office because it offered him the chance to go to Africa. There, as he later wrote, he longed to follow in the footsteps of Baden-Powell, having been, throughout his life, a keen boy scout. An early job in the colonial office was official secretary of the advisory committee on education in the colonies. A continuing interest in this field led to his knighthood, conferred in 1968 with the citation "for services to technical education overseas." In the period 1938-39, he worked on the editing of Lord Hailey's *African Survey*. On the outbreak of war he accompanied Lord Hailey to Africa and remained there, heading economic missions to the Belgian Congo and subsequently to French West Africa.

His economic missions brought him into contact with the business world and in 1947 he left Whitehall for Blackfriars, joining the United Africa Company, a subsidiary of Unilever. In 1956, he became a director of Unilever and managing director of UAC, posts he held until his retirement in 1968. He worked both in London and in Africa, especially the Gold Coast before and after it became Ghana. His work in Ghana brought him into close contact with the independence generation of politicians, especially Dr Nkrumah, Dr Kofi Busia and Dr Danquah.

His academic interest in Africa began during his first tour of duty in Tanganyika. He published an article on what he described as the "Joking Relationship" which existed between tribes and was proud thereafter to be known in academic circles as "Joking Relationship Pedler". He was fluent in the Swahili and Hausa languages. He published many articles on Africa and Africans and a number of books on West Africa: *West Africa* (1951) which discussed economic and political development; *Economic Geography of West Africa* (1955) which amplified this theme with reference to the lands, their climates and their races; *The Lion and the Unicorn in Africa* (1974) a history of British commercial activity in Africa from ealiest days; and *Main Currents of West African History, 1940-78* (1979). *A Pedler Family History* appeared in 1984. A collection of his papers is lodged in the Rhodes House Library, Oxford.

Pedler was chairman of the council for technical education and training for overseas countries, 1962-73; a member of the inter-university council, 1967-73; treasurer of the School of Oriental and African Studies, 1969-81. He was made an honorary fellow of SOAS in 1976.

He married in 1935, Ruth, daughter of Henry and Doctor Esther Carling. She travelled to Africa during his first tour of duty and they were married in Mombasa. It was a very happy marriage. Lady Pedler and their three children Robin, Esther and Martin survive him.

JAIME GUZMÁN

Jaime Guzmán Errázuriz, Chilean politician, lawyer and journalist, died of gunshot wounds on April 1 aged 44. He was born in Santiago on June 28, 1946.

JAIME Guzmán was the intellectual and political leader of the ultra-conservative elements which supported the military government of General Augusto Pinochet until it was superseded by the civilian administration headed by President Patricio Aylwin. Friends and foes alike recognized him as a formidable opponent during the political turbulence that accompanied the 1973 military coup which overthrew Salvador Allende's democratically elected Popular Unity government and during the 17 years of military government which followed.

His assassination, the circumstances of which have still to be clarified, horrified Chileans of all political persuasions, and increased fears that Chile's democratic government might be in danger of destabilisation. Outside the military hospital where his death was announced, his followers openly wept or angrily shouted for the return of General Pinochet to government.

Jaime Guzmán, a Roman Catholic, was known for his extraordinary religious fervour. He attended mass every day of the week and once said that his central motivation in life was to "achieve eternal life, to contemplate God in heaven". With his bald head and thick glasses, Guzmán projected the image of a cold, humourless political and moral zealot, though friends said he actually had a fine sense of humour and enjoyed preparing gourmet dishes.

He graduated from the Catholic University of Chile's law faculty in 1967 after founding the *gremialista* movement which advocated replacing political parties by guilds to intercede between the people and the state. After university, he stood out as an opponent of traditional political parties and the movement for profound reforms within Chilean universities and society in general of the late 1960s, which swept the socialist Dr Allende to power on September 4, 1970. Guzmán was always a virulent opponent of Allende's Popular Unity government.

A friend and close adviser of General Pinochet, he was an ardent supporter of the military regime and was able to remain undisturbed by its widely acknowledged human rights attrocities. He was one of the main intellectual architects of the regime's 1980 constitution, which replaced Chile's traditional, 100-year old democracy with a "protected" democracy and he never stopped supporting Pinochet as others did. Under that constitution, he was elected senator on December 14, 1989.

In the Senate Guzmán represented the Independent Democratic Unionists (UDI), a party which he founded in 1987, in readiness for Chile's return to democratic rule. The UDI continues to be a political movement designed to carry on the work of the military regime beyond the 1988 presidential plebiscite which saw General Pinochet's defeat and the national assembly elections which followed. He also became vice-president of the National Renovation (RN) party, a similar political movement. However, he was expelled from the RN on April 20, 1988, as the result of conflicts with that party's leadership. He was the first senator in Chilean history to be assassinated and his death touched off fears of revenge killings.

He was was unmarried.

DR ARTHUR RAISTRICK

Dr Arthur Raistrick, industrial archaeologist, died in Skipton, Yorkshire, on April 8 aged 94. He was born in August 1896.

INDUSTRIAL archaeology was not a recognised term until the mid-1950s, but it was Arthur Raistrick who may be said to have begun the campaign for its recognition and importance many years before. His work, *Dynasty of Iron Founders — The Darbys and Coalbrookdale*, first published in 1953, which chronicled the significance of what happened in Shropshire during the 18th and 19th centuries, ignited the spark which created what is now the Ironbridge Gorge Museum.

Without Raistrick's meticulous research and unstinting dedication and the help of his colleague Dr G. F. Williams of the then Allied Ironfounders the Coalbrookdale furnace site would never have been rescued and excavated. Although nowadays it would be unthinkable to destroy such a piece of history, 40 years ago it would have been just as unlikely that the whole of the Ironbridge Gorge would have been inscribed on the Unesco world heritage list, as happened in 1987.

Arthur Raistrick was a scholar and an enthusiast. Born in Yorkshire, he was educated at Bradford Grammar School and Leeds University where he gained an MSc in civil engineering and an MSc and PhD in geology. He was a life-long socialist and retained a close relationship with the Independent Labour party and, later, with the Labour party. He was a pacifist and this led to his internment in Wormwood Scrubs and Durham jails as a conscientious objector between 1916 and 1919. After the first world war he joined the Society of Friends and during his life became an expert in the history and development of the Quaker movement. During the second world war, in order to avoid paying taxes which he felt might help finance the war effort, he left paid employment and was again a conscientious objector.

From 1922 he was a lecturer for the Workers' Educational Association, and from 1933 to 1950 he was an external examiner for the National University of Ireland. From the end of the second world war until 1970 he was an extra-mural tutor at Leeds, Durham and Newcastle universities.

Raistrick's pioneering work at Ironbridge and at many other sites of industrial importance ensured the preservation and interpretation of other similar significant moments in industrial history throughout the world. In 1979 — the bi-centenary year of the casting of the world's first iron bridge and, also, 20 years on from the opening of the first Coalbrookdale museum — he delivered a Rolt lecture at Ironbridge which chronicled those momentous times.

From 1925 onwards he published numerous articles, reviews, research papers and books covering such subjects as glaciation, lead-smelting, coal and ironworking, prehistoric archaeology and the wool trade. Among other interests were the British Association for the Advancement of Science and the Yorkshire Archaeological Society and he was a past president of the Ramblers' Association, the YHA and the Holiday Fellowship. He was also closely involved with the Yorkshire Dales National Park which he loved.

To the end of his life Raistrick maintained his early enthusiasm. His strict methods of research, his insatiable curiosity for facts and his simple philosophy of life combined to make him the most approachable of men.

He married Sarah Elizabeth Chapman in 1929 and leaves a daughter, Elinor.

THE REV ELSIE CHAMBERLAIN

Tony Benn, MP, writes:

ELSIE Chamberlain's life (obituary, April 12) would not be complete without some account of the difficulties which she encountered as a woman in the ministry.

In 1945 my father, then Secretary of State for Air, decided to appoint her an RAF chaplain, the first woman ever to hold that position in the services, but on a visit to tell Archbishop Fisher of his intention he was warned off in no uncertain terms, both by the Primate and by Mrs Fisher, whom he called in to reinforce his opposition.

Father, undeterred by this, went ahead and appointed Elsie but when the Air Force List was ready for publication he noticed that she had not been listed with the other chaplains, but in a different section as a "welfare officer" and he ordered the whole book to be scrapped so that her listing could be corrected.

When she and my mother went to Wippell's, the clerical tailors next to Westminster Abbey, to buy her RAF stole, the assistant, assuming she was buying it for her husband, asked her how tall he was, and Elsie said "about my height" and burst out laughing which greatly puzzled everyone in the shop.

Her engagement to John Garrington, when she was a Congregational minister and he was an Anglican curate, left him without any hope of promotion and he went to see Bishop Wand of London to discuss his prospects. Dr Wand said that there was no chance whatever of his being made a vicar "while you remain engaged to be married to that welfare officer." Father, hearing this, went to see Lord Jowitt, who had certain livings in his gift, as Lord Chancellor, and that is how the Rev John Garrington finally got his parish.

These events should be recalled as a reminder of the difficulties which confronted Elsie Chamberlain, and many others, who were pioneers in the movement for the ordination of women.

School news

Benenden School
Term starts today at Benenden School. Seniors' Day will be held on May 18, and Speech Day will take place on July 6.

The Cheltenham Ladies' College
Term opens today at The Cheltenham Ladies' College. Half term is from Friday, May 24, 1.00 pm, to Wednesday, May 29, inclusive. The Guild AGM will take place on Wednesday, May 1, at The Hurlingham Club at 7.00 pm. The Summer Fete will be held in the College Gardens on Saturday, May 4, starting at 2.15 pm. The Confirmation Service will be conducted by the Bishop of Tewkesbury in Cheltenham College Chapel at 3.00 pm on Saturday, May 11. The Summer Concert will take place on Friday, July 5, in the Princess Hall at 7.30 pm. Speech Day is on Saturday, July 6.

Latymer Upper School
The following gained Scholarships or Music Awards in the recent Entrance Examinations for September, 1991:
Academic Scholarships: J.R. Codrington, Brodow Preparatory; J.P. Collins, Darell Primary; P.D.C. Hoppins, North Ealing Combined; S.E.F. Martin, Fox Primary; J.D. Talbot, Sheen Mount; M.P. Taylor, Latymer Preparatory Department; R.F. Winstanley, Latymer Preparatory Department.
Academic and Music Scholarships: R.A. Nevin, Latymer Preparatory Department; T.P. Pearson, North Ealing Combined.
Music Scholarship: T.C.S. Martin, Latymer Preparatory Department; T.A. Weale, Ealing Christian Home.

Llandovery College
Summer Term begins today. Mr Gerald Davies will officially open the newly completed Sports Centre on Tuesday, April 30. Speech Day will be held on Saturday, May 25, when the guest speaker will be Sir Geraint Evans. Half-term Exeat begins after the proceedings on that day and continues until Thursday, May 30. Term ends on Thursday, July 4.

The Princess Helena College
Summer term begins today and ends on July 4. Samantha Robinson and Tiffany Whittome continue as Head of School and Deputy. The annual Garden Party will take place on Saturday, June 22, beginning at 2 pm. All Old Girls, Parents and Friends of the College are invited to attend.

Westminster School
Election Term begins today. There are 873 members of the School, 604 in the Great School and 269 in the Under School. D.A. Macfarlane continues as Captain of the School and T.J.A. Hyam is Captain of Cricket. The School Concert will be on Monday, April 22, up School. The Tizard Lecture will be given on April 25 by Dr David Drewry of the British Antarctic Survey. The Challenge will be held on May 13, 14 and 15. Exeat is from May 24 to 30. Performances of *The Pot of Gold* by Plautus will be given in Ashburnham Garden on June 24, 25, 26 and 27. Term ends on June 28 and the Election Dinner will take place on that day.

Dinners

Re Action Trust
The Princess of Wales, Patron of Help the Aged, was a speaker at a dinner held last night at the Mansion House to launch the Re Action Trust, a joint British industry and Help the Aged initiative. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended. Sir Campbell Adamson, chairman of the trust, presided and the Lord Mayor, Mr Antony Newton, MP, and Mr Robert Horton also spoke.

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
Mr Michael G. Lickiss, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, and members of the Council gave a dinner last night at Chartered Accountants' Hall. The guest speaker was the Right Hon Robert Sheldon, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee.

Among the distinguished guests were the German Ambassador, Baron Hermann von Richthofen, the Ambassador of Czechoslovakia, Dr Karel Duda, the Duke of Richmond, the Lord Chief Justice, the Master of the Rolls, the Dean of St Paul's and chairmen and presidents of City institutions.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W.E.S. Bailey and Miss D.P. Hughes
The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Dr Joe Bailey and the late Mrs Bailey, of Wooburn, Buckinghamshire, and Diana, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hughes, of Plumley, Cheshire.

Dr O.M. Black and Miss S-M. Chew
The engagement is announced between Oliver, son of the late Sir Misha Black and of Lady Black, of Battersea, London, and Su-Mei, only daughter of Mr and Mrs K.C. Chew, of Fulham, London, and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Mr P.G. Highland and Miss K.M. Boyd
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs George Highland, of Gateside, Fife, and Kerstin, daughter of the late Mr Ronald Boyd and Mrs Jane Rhiain Boyd, of Oxted, Surrey.

Mr S.P.M. Hughes and Miss H.L. Viggers
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.E.P. Hughes, of Harrow, and Helen, second daughter of Mr and Mrs P.J. Viggers, of Bloxham, Oxford.

Mr A. Jappy and Miss J.J. Elkins
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Jappy, of Livingston, Scotland, and Julia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Elkins, of Bovingdon, Hertfordshire.

Mr A.G. Leggatt and Miss C.A. Summerfield
The engagement is announced between Anthony Guy, only son of Mr and Mrs P. Leggatt, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, and Charlotte Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Summerfield, of St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Dr M.E.P. Manley and Miss A.L. Turner
The engagement is announced between Miles, elder son of the late Mr P.P. Manley and of Mrs B.S.M. Manley, of Buntingford, Hertfordshire, and Amanda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B.F. Turner, of Stone, Staffordshire.

Mr G.H. Prentice and Miss M.G. Bellamy
The engagement is announced between Gavin, second son of Mrs I.H. Prentice, and the late Mr I.H. Prentice, of Bournemouth, Dorset, and Margaret, second daughter of Mr R.R. Bellamy, of Miami, Florida, and Mrs J.E. Schaefer, of Berwyn, Pennsylvania.

Mr G.A. Rachman and Miss O.M. Stewart
The engagement is announced between Gideon, son of Professor Jack Rachman, of Vancouver, and Mrs Dawn Jacobson, of Bayswater, London, and Olivia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Duncan Stewart, of Oxford.

Mr N.J. Robinson and Miss L.K. Vessey
The engagement is announced between Nicholas John, son of the late Major Frank and Mrs Sheila Robinson, of Great Ouseburn, North Yorkshire, and Lucy Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy M. Vessey, of Grindleford, Derbyshire.

Mr I.D.W. Samuel and Miss V.C. Pope
The engagement is announced between Ifor, only son of Dr and Mrs John Samuel, of Sutton, Surrey, and Vanessa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Pope, of Orpington, Kent.

Mr F. Vetter and Miss A. Hlavsová
The engagement is announced between Filip Vetter and Alice Hlavsová. The marriage will take place in Prague on April 18, 1991.

Marriage

Captain G.J. Rocke and Miss C.J. McCarthy
The marriage took place on Friday, at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Heytesbury, of Captain George Rocke, Grenadier Guards, elder son of Mr and Mrs G.F. Rocke, of Gelston, Kirkcudbrightshire, to Miss Caroline McCarthy, daughter of the late Mr Stuart McCarthy and of Mrs Donald Birts, of Hill Deverill Manor, near Warminster, Wiltshire. The Rev Philip Morgan officiated, assisted by Prebendary John Collins.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her stepfather Mr Donald Birts, was attended by Georgina and Holly Kirwin, Victoria Rocke, Amy Scott, Anita Parsons and Ben Uffindell. Captain Jonathan Stitchberry was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Hans Sloane, physician and naturalist, Killyleagh, Co Down, 1660; Charles Montagu, Earl of Halifax, statesman, president of the Royal Society 1695-98, Horton, Northamptonshire, 1661; Sir John Franklin, Arctic explorer, Spilsbury, Lincolnshire, 1786; Joseph Black, chemist, Bordeaux, 1728; Anatole France, novelist and critic, Paris, 1844; Wilbur Wright, pioneer of aviation, Millville, Indiana, 1867; John Millington Synge, dramatist, Newtown Litten, near Dublin, 1871; Edward Frederick Wood, 1st Earl of Halifax, statesman, viceroy of India 1925-31, Powderham Castle, Devon, 1881; Sir Charles (Charlie) Chaplin, London, 1889.

DEATHS: Aphra Behn, dramatist and novelist, London, 1689; Comte George Buffon, naturalist, Paris, 1788; Henry Fuseli, painter and writer, London, 1825; Francesco de Goya, Bordeaux, 1828; Marie Tussaud, founder of the waxwork exhibition, London, 1850; Alexis Charles de Tocqueville, historian, Cannes, 1859; Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, Nevers, France, 1879; Samuel Smiles, social reformer, London, 1904.

The Battle of Culloden, 1746.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

COMMANDER: M B Avery – Revenge (STBD) in Cmd 8.4.91: R P Bolster – MoD London 26.7.91: T G L Burns – Raleigh 6.9.91: H E Crouch – MoD London – 6.9.91: P S Eaglestone – BRNC 1.10.91: M J Evans – MoD London 20.8.91: D Hutchings – SHAPE Belgium 11.10.91: C F James – Centurion 4.10.91: S C Martin – RAE Farnborough 27.9.91: A J K Nicoll – Repulse (STBD) in Cmd 8.10.91: J Patrick – HM Eastney 6.8.91: L Redstone – MoD London 13.9.91: D J Russell – Vanguard (PWO) in Cmd 5.11.91: M P N Seaman – MoD Bath 21.8.91: D A Wines – MoD London 6.8.91.

SURGEON COMMANDER: E P Dwyer – RNH Plymouth 14.5.91.

SURGEON COMMANDER (D): S D B Taylor – Ark Royal 26.11.91.

CHAPLAIN: T Devamanickam – Cornwall 8.4.91: D Keith – Cochrane 8.4.91.

Retirements

COMMANDER: C A Howeson – 29.6.91.

The Army

COLONEL: C Gosl – To MoD. 15.4.91: J H McKeown – To MoD. 15.4.91: R S B Watson – To be COS HQ SCOTLAND/1 Reg Armed Forces Mbr. – 15.4.91: A C I Gadsby – To Sennelager Trg Centre. 15.4.91: F R Starr – To HQ BAOR/HQ BRSC. 15.4.91.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: R S Coward RAOC – To Staff Coll. 15.4.91: A F Davidson KINGS OWN BORDER – To JACIO. 15.4.91: M C K Edwards RRF – To be COS HQ 1 QUEEN'S Division. 15.4.91: A T B Kimber R Signals – To be COS Sch of Sig. 15.4.91: W A Bailey RE – To MoD 15.4.91: P R Bridge CHSHIRE – To HQ WDist Rgt. Staff. 15.4.91: B C J Hutchinson RA – To MoD. 15.4.91: R A Newns RE – To RE D&W Team. 15.4.91: B D Rutherford RTR – To HQ DRAC. 15.4.91: W J Q Stirk AAC – To CA. 15.4.91.

Retirements

BRIGADIER: D H C Creswell Late RA. 21.4.91: N H Thompson Late RE. 19.4.91.

Royal Air Force

Air Vice-Marshal R E Johns to be Air Officer Commanding No 1 Group from April 15 in succession to Air Vice-Marshal R A F Wilson.

AIR COMMODORE: M Van Der Veen – TO MOD: J D L Peters – to NATS.

GROUP CAPTAIN: K W Mills – To MoD PE: K J McPhee – To MoD RAF FTS Finding Manor: A B Stephens – to DOAE West. Byfleet: P R Jeffers – to Jaric Brampton: R C R Johnston – to RAFSEE Henlow: C T Harrow – to MoD AFX: M S Oliver – to RAFSEE Shawbridge.

WING COMMANDER: M B Lanham – to MoD (PE): J O Bates – to MoD (PE): G S B Pritchard – to MoD London: D J Drew – to MoD CVE: A P T Main – to RAF Lyneham: J J E Parr – to RAF Chivenor: H W Hughes – to Bern: A Thompson – to MoD CVE: H W Hughes – to Air Attaché Berne.

Appointment

Mrs Jennifer Corcoran to be a fulltime chairman of industrial tribunals, assigned to the Manchester region.

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Lord, you have healed us. We will play harps and sing your praise, singing praise in your Temple as long as we live. Isaiah 38 : 20 GNB

BIRTHS

BEAUPRE - On April 12th, to Pamela (née Bustard) and Bob, a son, Christopher Michael (6lb), a brother for Colette.

CHADWICK - On April 11th, at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Sarah (née Maynard) and John, a son, James, a brother for Alexander.

COWLEE - On February 13th, unexpectedly in Manila, Philippines, to Philippa (née Read) and Nick, a daughter, Emily Jane Victoria, now back in Hong Kong.

COWLEY - On April 15th, at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, to Ann and Christopher, a daughter, Charlotte Ann.

DEWAR - On April 14th, to Carole and David, a daughter, Alexandra Margaret, a sister for Lindsay.

DICKINSON - On April 11th at Winchester Hospital, to Nigel and Harriet, a son, Hamish Aubrey, a brother for Felix.

DOYLE - On April 13th, to Jessica (née Georgiades) and James, a daughter, India Rhoda.

EVANS - On April 10th, at Ealing Hospital, to Siobhan (née Harrison) and Raymond, a son, Harrison William.

GIBSON - On April 13th, to Melanie and Piers, a son, Theodore, a brother for Lucy and Harry.

GLOVER - On April 10th 1991, in Upper Ferntree Gully, Australia, to Mark and Sarah (née Todd), a son, Matthew William Drayton, a brother for Hannah.

GOODMAN - On April 13th 1991, to Ruth and William, a son.

JAUNCEY - On March 29th, to Jamie and Sarah, a son, Jake.

JONES - On April 8th, to Helena (née Ludtkar) and Christopher, a daughter, Alexandra Jane Catherine.

LANE - On April 7th, at Eastbourne, to Lisa and Richard, a daughter, Jessica Alice, a sister for Sophie.

MACPHERSON - On April 11th, to Lydia (née Sunderland) and James, a son, Felix Robert James.

MOORE - On April 14th 1991, to Louisa (née Phillips) and Malcolm, a son, a brother for Freddie and Dominic.

RICHARDSON - On April 9th in Nairobi, to Pat (née Cohen) and John, a daughter, Nicola Anne, a sister for Sarah.

ROBERTS - On April 12th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to John and Margot, a daughter, Caroline Bell.

RUSSELL - On April 13th, at St Helier's Hospital, Carshalton, to Rhona (née Inglis) and Geoffrey, a daughter, Sophie Alexandra.

SIMONS - On April 14th, to Roberta (née Day) and Greg, a son, Nicholas Adam.

THOMAS - On April 6th, to Victoria (née Harding) and Simon, a daughter, Emily Lucinda.

DEATHS

ALSOP - On April 14th, Dr. A.F. (Bill), loved husband of Margaret, father of Angela (deceased) and Tricia. Cremation Yeovil, April 18th, 2 pm. No flowers.

BRUNO - On April 12th 1991, Henrietta May 'Maisie' (née Hawkins) of Saffron Walden, beloved mother of Elisabeth and David. Funeral Service at Hadstock Church on Friday April 19th at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Please no flowers, donations if desired to Salisbury Hospitals Trust c/o L.C. Hill, Water Street, Mere, Wilts.

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CADBURY - On April 11th 1991, peacefully after a very short illness in hospital in Worcester, Betty, very much loved by her husband Christopher, her children Timothy and Tina, her grandchildren and all her family. Service at Fladbury Church, near Evesham, at 2.15 pm on Friday April 19th. No flowers please. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research.

COOPER - On April 11th 1991, suddenly but peacefully at home, Joyce Ker Cooper (née Mundill), beloved wife of the late Bob Cooper and mother of Heather Mary, the late Jennifer, and Christopher and grandmother of Iain, Hugh and Myles. Funeral Service at Hampstead Parish Church on Friday April 19th at 3 pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers may be sent to Leverton & Sons Ltd., 212 Eversholt Street, NW1, by 12 noon.

COTTON - On April 13th 1991, peacefully at Bishops Wood Hospital, Northwood, William (Bill) Ross Cotton OBE, aged 80. Dear husband of Jo and much loved father and grandfather. Service at St Martin's, Ruislip, on Thursday April 18th 1991 at 11 am. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research or St Martin's Church Ruislip Restoration Fund.

DIEZ - On April 12th 1991, at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, Minnie, widow of Dick, of Sutton Waldron and Vienna. Funeral private.

DIXON - On April 11th, Sidney, of Marlow, at Wycombe General Hospital, aged 80. Much loved husband of Sylvia and father of Gordon and Christine. Father-in-law of Valerie and Geoffrey. Grandfather of Ralph, Russell and Melanie and great-grandfather of Ryan. Funeral Service at Marlow Parish Church at 11.30 am on April 18th. Family flowers only. Donations to Age Concern, 38 Glade Road, Marlow.

ERBISHAM - On April 12th 1991, Rowland Roberts. Funeral April 18th 11.15am at St Michael the Archangel, Mere. Cremation private. Please no flowers. Donations if desired to Salisbury Hospitals Trust c/o L.C. Hill, Water Street, Mere, Wilts.

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INCLEDON-WEBBER - On April 13th 1991, peacefully at Tyzpane, Brannton, Devon, Angela Florence aged 86, much loved mother of Diana, Elizabeth and Priscilla and devoted grandmother. Requiem Mass at St Brannoc's Well Church on Saturday April 20th at 2.30pm.

JONES - On April 11th 1991, Mervyn Thomas Theodore, much loved husband of Valerie and dearly loved father of son Hilton and daughter Jackie. Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead for family and close friends, 12.30 pm Wednesday April 17th. Flowers to be sent to arrive by 11 am Wednesday April 17th, to Hawkins & Sons, 2 Highlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey. Memorial Service at United Reformed Church, West Street, Dorking, Surrey, 12 noon Monday April 22nd. For further details contact Andrea Clarke (0306) 740740.

JONES - On April 13th 1991, in Eastbourne, Norman Herbert Jones, very dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be announced later.

LEDWARD - On April 13th 1991, at home in Altrincham, Cheshire, Sylvia Josephine, aged 72 years.

LOVETT CAMERON - On April 13th 1991, at Eastern General Hospital, Edinburgh, peacefully, Elizabeth, dearly beloved wife of Peter and mother of Jonathan, Alastair and Felicity. Service at Mortonhall Crematorium Pentland Chapel, Edinburgh, on Friday April 19th at 11.15 am. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to S.S.P.C.A.

MacDONALD - On April 11th, peacefully in hospital after a long illness, Judith, beloved wife of Kaine and mother of William and Charlotte Rayner and elder twin daughter of Hugh and Peggy Farrar; formerly of Westerham, Kent. Memorial Service to be announced later.

MACKENZIE - On April 12th 1991, peacefully at St Luke's Nursing Home, Oxford, Florence Mackenzie V.O. aged 84 years, formerly of North Shields, London and Aberdeen. Her family and friends mourn her passing, but rejoice in her life. Cremation private. Enquiries to Edward Carter, tel: (0235) 528293.

McCAUL - On April 10th, James Alexander Warren, son of Neil and Rosamund, aged one year.

PENNANT WILLIAMS - On April 13th 1991, peacefully in hospital, Thomas Trefor, F.S.A., much loved husband of the late Jessie, father, grandfather and step grandfather.

PITT - On April 13th 1991, Pauline Elizabeth (née Pattenden), widow of Eric Pitt, one-time Dean of Sydney. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Bishop's Sutton, on Friday April 19th at 11.30 am. Donations to The Samaritans.

PRIEFERT - On Thursday April 11th, Lucy Frances (née Penrose), after a short severe illness, beloved wife of Ernest, adored mother of Felicity, William and Mary. Funeral Service on Saturday April 20th at 2.30 pm at the Parish Church, Bildeston, Suffolk. No flowers but donations, if desired, to 'The Sick' Church Fund, Wattisham c/o The Pheasantry, Wattisham Village, Suffolk. IP7 7LA.

PROTHERO - On April 8th 1991, Katherine Frances, at Ash Cottage, Widford Road, Much Hadham, Herts. Beloved wife of William George Prothero and very dear mother of Elisabeth. Funeral Service at Much Hadham Parish Church on Wednesday April 17th at 12 noon, followed by cremation at 1 pm, Parndon Wood, Harlow, Essex. Flowers and donations, if desired, to Friends of Herts and Essex Hospital c/o Funeral Directors Daniel Robinson & Sons, 79-81 South Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. Flowers to reach them by 9.30 am on April 17th.

ROBERTSON - On April 11th, 1991, at home, Dr. Ronald Foote Robertson CBE, beloved husband of the late Dorothy, dear father of Alison, Diana and the late Muriel and much loved grandfather. Service in the Kirk of the Greyfriars, Edinburgh on Wednesday April 17th, 1991 at 2.30 pm. Cremation thereafter private. Family flowers only please.

ROBINSON - On April 14th 1991, peacefully at home, Ian Robinson of Kilcoy, devoted husband of Anne. Service tomorrow, Wednesday April 17th at 2.30 pm in St Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, thereafter cremation private. No flowers please but contributions if desired for Highland Hospice/Marie Curie Cancer Care or forwarded to Funeral Directors John Fraser & Son, 17/29 Chapel Street, Inverness.

ROBSON - On April 11th, Harold, beloved husband of Mina and father of Denis, formerly of Newbury and South Croydon and lately of Perigueux, France. Funeral Service will be held at 12 noon on April 22nd at the Church of the Wisdom of God, A217, Lower Kingswood, Surrey. Flowers or donations for the Royal Marsden Hospital c/o Co-op Funeral Services, 100 Brighton Road, Purley, Surrey.

ROBSON - On April 12th 1991, peacefully at home after a short illness, Sir Thomas Buston Robson M.B.E., F.C.A., M.A. aged 95, much loved father of Ann and James and grandfather of Robert, Catherine, Thomas and Elchi. Family funeral. Memorial Service to be arranged later. Donations if desired to The British Red Cross.

SMITH - On April 12th, at Upwood, Hazel Flory, beloved wife of Professor Harry Smith. Cremation at Cambridge Crematorium on Thursday April 18th at 11 am, followed by Thanksgiving at St Peter's Church, Upwood, at 12 noon. Flowers to Swearers Funeral Service, Blenheim Road, Ramsey, Huntingdon or donations to The Upwood Village Hall Appeal. Friends are welcome both at the crematorium and at St Peter's and afterwards at the family home.

SOUTHWORTH - On April 14th 1991, Walter Ralph, of 16 Church Close, Waddington, Clitheroe, Lancashire (formerly of Waddow Lodge), in his 79th year. Service at St Helen's Church, Waddington, on Friday April 19th at 10.45 am, prior to interment at Clitheroe Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations if desired either to Friends of Clitheroe Hospital or Cancer Research c/o Mr R Wolstenholme, Rockdale House, Whalley Road, Clitheroe, BB7 1EX. Enquiries tel: (0200) 22345.

STEPHENS - On April 15th, Sheila Joy, beloved wife of Professor Veryan Stephens. Funeral service at Chichester Crematorium at 12.30 pm on Friday April 19th.

TRACY - On April 9th 1991, after a brief illness borne with fortitude, Peter Addis, B.Sc. (Eng.), M.I.E.E., much loved father, friend and brother. Funeral at St Theodore of Canterbury Church, Station Road, Hampton, Middx. at 11 am Monday April 22nd 1991, followed by interment at Twickenham Cemetery. Flowers to Sanders & Higgs, 153 Heath Rd., Twickenham or donations to Friends of Kingston Hospital. KT2 7QB.

VAN NAMEN - On April 13th 1991, suddenly at Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, Lt.-Col. C.D. (Bill) Van Namen, M.B.E., beloved husband of Daisy and father of John and Frances. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Wargrave, on Friday April 19th at 2.15pm.

WARLOW - On April 12th, after a short illness, Thomas Alfred James Warlow, C.B.E., beloved husband of Betty and father of Stephen, Patricia and Penelope.

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STAMP - Josiah, First Baron Stamp of Shortlands, died with his wife Olive and their eldest son Wilfrid, in an air raid on London on the night of April 16th 1941. Remembered with love and pride.

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NEW RELEASES

◆ THE BONFIRE OF THE VANITIES (15): Brian DePalma's shrivelled, cartoon-like version of Tom Wolfe's novel. Tom Hanks miscast as the Wall Street high-flyer shot down by fate.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

◆ HIGHLANDER II — THE QUICKENING (15): Dismal sequel to the 1986 fantasy, with time-traveller Christopher Lambert facing new adversaries. Sean Connery injects a modest twinkle into the gloom.
Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) West End (071-930 5252/7615) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ IMPROMPTU (12): Impish comedy about George Sand's tempestuous courtship of Chopin. At times too boisterous; mostly pleasing. James Lapine directs Judy Davis, Hugh Grant.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6861).

THE MIRACLE (15): Lukewarm Oedipal whimsy from Neil Jordan about an Irish teenager's romantic fantasies. With Beverly D'Angelo and two fresh teenagers (Niall Byrne, Lorraine Pilkington).
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY (15): Sleekly mounted but tacky woman-in-peril thriller. Julia Roberts as the abused wife who fakes her own death. Patrick Bergin; director, Joseph Ruben.
Odeon Leicester Square (071-930 6111).

CURRENT

AMERICAN FRIENDS (PG): Nineteenth-century romance between an Oxford don (Michael Palin) and a young American (Trini Alvarado). Slender, charming, tasteful; director, Tristram Powell.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

◆ AWAKENINGS (12): Tender, heart-tugging tale of neurologist Robin Williams stirring the life force in Robert De Niro and other patients stricken with paralysis.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Empire (071-437 9999) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano; director Jean-Paul Rappeneau transforms Rostand's play into magnificent, swashbuckling cinema.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-637 8402).

◆ DANCES WITH WOLVES (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Overreverent, though Costner mounts his directorial debut with aplomb. Winner of seven Oscars.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6861) Odeon Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE FIELD (12): Richard Harris in Thirties Ireland, fighting for his land. Grandly visualised, but windy drama; from the *My Left Foot* team.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

GOLDEN BRAID (15): Paul Cox's fetchingly strange tale of a clock repairer's obsession with a braid of hair, adapted from de Maupassant. Chris Haywood, Gosia Dobrowolska.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443).

◆ THE GODFATHER PART III (15): Brooding finale to Francis Ford Coppola's Mafia saga, handsomely staged but lacking resonance. Al Pacino, Andy Garcia, Talia Shire.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-437 9999).

◆ GREEN CARD (12): Marriage of convenience becomes unbearable when slobbish Gérard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell. Likeable New York romantic comedy; director, Peter Weir.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ KING RALPH (PG): Thin, boring vehicle for the burly John Goodman — a genial American slob who ascends the British throne. Starring Peter O'Toole.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

JU DOU (15): Lust and revenge in a Chinese dye factory. Extraordinary, compelling drama from Zhang Yimou, director of *Red Sorghum*.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

LIFE IS SWEET (15): Ups and downs of a North London family, depicted by master caricaturist Mike Leigh. Droll, farcical, at times oddly moving; with Alison Steadman.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumiere (071-836 0691).

MISTER JOHNSON (12): Bruce Beresford's engrossing adaptation of Joyce Cary's novel about culture clashes in colonial Nigeria, starring Maynard Eziashi.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

◆ MR AND MRS BRIDGE (PG): Eloquent portrait of an upper middle-class American marriage, from Evan S. Connell's novels. Joanne Woodward, Paul Newman; director, James Ivory.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ PACIFIC HEIGHTS (15): Evil tenant Michael Keaton makes life hell for landlords Matthew Modine and Melanie Griffith. Strenuous, implausible thriller; director, John Schlesinger.
Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

Q & A (18): Corruption and racism in New York's justice system. Electrifying performances (Nick Nolte, Armand Assante), though the end result carries less punch. Director, Sidney Lumet.
Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ QUIGLEY DOWN UNDER (12): Tom Selleck as a 19th-century sharp-shooter protecting aborigines in the outback. Lazy Aussie Western with a dog-eared script. Laura San Giacomo; director, Simon Wincer.
Cannon Haymarket (071-839 1527).

TATIE DANIELLE (15): Agreeable, satirical portrait of a spiteful old woman, deliciously played by French stage veteran Tatiu Chelton. Director, Etienne Chatiliez.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

VINTAGE CLASSICS

The new "Made in London" series of vintage British films continues tonight with the rarely seen *The Return of Bulldog Drummond* (1934). Ralph Richardson no less, impersonates Sapper's famous sleuth.
Museum of London (071-600 3699), 6.10pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
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□ Seats at all prices

☑ CARMEN JONES: Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical; great singing and packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Underground: Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm.

□ CORIOLANUS/THE WINTER'S TALE: Two Bogdanov productions for English Shakespeare Company; a bewildering *Coriolanus* set in Eastern Europe; a more rewarding *Tale*. Strong performances by Michael Pennington in both.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Underground: Covent Garden. *Coriolanus*: Thurs, Fri, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm; *Winter's Tale*: Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm. Running times: 3hrs 15mins.

□ THE CURE AT TROY: Seamus Heaney's version of Philoctetes: A raw drama of trust, duty and betrayal that transcends the ages from Ancient Greece to Ulster.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Underground: Kilburn. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time: 1hr 20mins. Closes April 27.

□ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's haunting memory-play sets catholic prudery up against pagan ecstasy: Alec McCowen and Dublin's Abbey Theatre.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

□ DAYS OF HOPE: Ingenuous and solemn musical from Howard Goodall about love and self-sacrifice in the Spanish Civil War. Fairly absurd.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Underground: Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 1hr 45mins. Closes May 25.

☑ 42ND STREET: Irresistible tap-dancing novice-to-star musical back in town to give everyone a tonic. Last week.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

□ THE HOMECOMING: Warren Mitchell and others seducing and seduced by Charlie Lunghi in Peter Hall's Pinter revival. Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

☑ A JAMAICAN AIRMAN FORESEES HIS DEATH: Black RAF volunteers scuppered by Scottish racism in second world war: nicely acted though over literary.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Underground: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 25mins. Closes April 27.

□ JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Peter O'Toole back playing the drink-about-town columnist for a limited run.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins. Closes May 25.

☑ LOVE'S LABOURS LOST: Enchanting production by Terry Hands: Ralph Fiennes and Amanda Root lead the quartet of couples.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Underground: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. Tonight, 7.30pm. Running time: 3hrs.

□ MY LOVELY . . . SHAYNA MAIDEL: An Auschwitz survivor meets the American half of her family: Anita Dobson in an accomplished and powerful play.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

□ OUR OWN KIND: Charlotte Coleman as a bright school girl caught up in a racial murder: Roy MacGregor's promising first play with excellent girl-talk.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Underground: Shepherds Bush. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time: 2hrs 20mins. Closes April 27.

□ RICK'S BAR CASABLANCA: Leslie Grantham in the play the film was based on. Thin production that certainly "doesn't amount to a hill of beans".
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Underground: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 6pm. Running time: 2hrs 5mins.

☑ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred around Dawn French as a ghoulish tabloid journo.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins.

□ TIMON OF ATHENS: David Suchet suave and sulphurous in a modern-dress production by Trevor Nunn that enlivens Shakespeare's blank spots.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Underground: Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 1.30pm. Running time: 3hrs 15mins. Final week.

☑ THE TRIAL: Antony Sher's powerfully restrained hero is truer to Kafka than Berkoff's lurid production.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat today, 2.15pm. Running time: 3hrs.

☑ TWELFTH NIGHT: Peter Hall's production stresses comedy and motive: with Eric Porter, Dinsdale Landen, David Ryall.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Underground: Embankment. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 40mins.

■ TWO SHAKESPEAREAN ACTORS: John Carlisle and Anton Lesser play rival Thespians in Richard Nelson's highly entertaining play about an Anglo-American culture-war.
The Pit, Barbican Centre (as left). Tonight, 7.30pm. Running time: 3hrs.

□ WHAT THE BUTLER SAW: Incest, assault and bisexual junketing preserved in the aspic of Joe Orton's wit. Not quite a top-class production but worth seeing.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 6pm and 8.40pm. Running time: 2hrs.

LONG RUNNERS: ☑ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . □ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☑ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ■ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-437 3686) . . . ☑ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Miserables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . □ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . □ The Rehearsal: Garrick (071-379 6107) . . . ☑ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . □ The Rocky Horror Show: Piccadilly (071-867 1118) . . . □ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . □ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . . □ A Slice of Saturday Night: Arts (071-836 2132) . . . ☑ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . □ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

SALOME: Penultimate performance by English National Opera of Joachim Herz's much-praised production of Richard Strauss's opera, with American soprano Kristine Ciesinski as a convincing cold-hearted Salome. Richard Armstrong conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 8pm.

NATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE: After its recent success with *Oliver!*, the respected young company returns to Sadler's Wells with a revival of Jeremy James Taylor and Frank Whately's *October's Children*, about the lives of children orphaned during the Russian Revolution. Music is by David Nield.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916), 7.30pm, until April 20.

RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY: *Plain Song*, Siobhan Davies's 1981 work to three early piano pieces by Satie, is revived for Rambert's short London season and receives its London premiere tonight.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (081-748 3354), 7.30pm.

MATADOR: Elijah Moshinsky directs Stefanie Powers, Nicky Henson and John Barrowman in this musical based on the life of bullfighter El Cordobes. Music is by Michael Leander and lyrics by Edward Seago. Opening night.
Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (071-494 5040), 7pm.

LONDON CITY BALLET: The company's superior production of *Cinderella* is performed in Guildford until Saturday. Tonight Jane Sanig and former Bolshoi Ballet star Stanislav Tchasesov take the leads.
Yvonne Arnaud, Millbrook, Guildford (0483 64571), 7.30pm.

OPERA 80: The company's spring tour moves to Ulverston with Stephen Metcalf's ingeniously simple staging of Mozart's *Magic Flute* and Mark Dornford-May's vibrantly coloured production of Donizetti's *Don Pasquale*. Recommended.
Coronation Hall, The Square, Ulverston (0229 52299), 7.30pm.

With nights like this . . .

THEATRE

Days of Hope
Hampstead

THIS is a drama of love and self-sacrifice, set in a coastal village of Valencia just over half a century ago. It is a drama of young newly-weds, she a fisherman's daughter, he a lad from Scarborough who has come to help wage the war against fascism. It is also the story of an open boat waiting to take the young couple to freedom, and her parents too, if they will only stop singing songs around the marriage table and get down to the beach.

Furthermore, it is the predicament of Teresa, desperate to flee from her father and the nuns, who learns that the boat will take only four people. How will Laszlo and Ingrid escape Conrad Veidt? No, sorry, wrong story. The point is, who will stay behind, mortally ill but game enough to stand for the reprise of the title song?

Since this number has a catchy tune in 3/4 time, Howard Goodall's ingenuous musical satisfies one requirement of the form by providing something to hum on the way home. How did it go? "While there are nights LIKE this there will be days OF hope." Nothing special about the words, that would be asking too much, but the verse would make a serviceable television jingle — "While there are beers like this" — that sort of thing.

Unfortunately for any hopes pinned on this show, more features than a hummable tune are required to create a tolerable evening. For instance: staging. The Hampstead stage is too small to permit dancing, though the young couple circle gingerly around each other at the start of the show and the older couple essay a slow waltz at the end. But John Retallack's direction solves the problem of the musical numbers in the most ridiculous manner. On this particular wedding night, Spain evidently endured ten eclipses of the moon: each time the piano and guitars begin their contribution, the lights are lowered and the entire cast takes up a position facing the audience. Those who are offstage at the time, or dead in the house, or out at sea, slip in from the wings to add their voices. One character might stand on a chair, another arrange her feet on different levels. Two of the younger men make a token effort to suggest Spanishness by standing with their heads turned at right-angles, flamenco-style. Aiming at the picturesque, these tableaux recall photographs from the days when exposures took up to a minute.

The show's tone is depressingly earnest. The book, here called the "script" and credited to Renata Allen, inserts arguments pro and contra Franco that lack dramatic flair or, indeed, theatrical point 50 years on. Weirdest moment of all is the duet, "Can you hear us, Federico Garcia Lorca?/Do you watch the lizards basking in the sun?". A chorus of Gilbertian secret policemen repeating "in the sun" would have scuppered the solemnity but brought a spark of life. The cast works hard.

JEREMY KINGSTON

DONALD COOPER

Hardworking cast: Nicholas Caunter, Carla Mendonca, John Turner and Una Stubbs in *Days of Hope*

CONCERTS

Hérodiade
BBC SO/Davis
QEH/Festival Hall

WHEN Massenet started to compose his rarely-heard opera **Hérodiade** in 1878, he could not have known what Oscar Wilde and Richard Strauss were to make of the same cast of characters a couple of decades later. *Hérodiade* deals in the same crazed, neurotic world of necrophiliac obsession as Strauss's *Salome*. And yet something about the subject impelled Massenet to make a detour from the elegant, super-refined mode for which he is best known.

Conducting the Chelsea Opera Group's concert peformance, Michael Lloyd gave no more quarter than did the composer to finer sensibilities, lashing his forces on to give the kind of full-blooded account we expect of this indispensable company.

Massenet's Salome has less psychological depth than Strauss's — her sexual tastes are somewhat less exotic too — but this did not prevent Rosa Mannion from turning in an exquisitely affecting performance. The object of her fancy, John the Baptist, is meanwhile less piously single-minded than Strauss's Jokanaan. He even succumbs to Salome's charms in time for an effective dungeon scene, before meeting his bloody end at the behest of Herod. Both Graeme Matheson-Bruce as the prophet and Peter Sidhom as the tetrarch delivered their roles with frightening intensity.

Brian Bannatyne-Scott's firmly sung Phanuel, Anne-Marie Owens' compelling Herodias and Glenville Hargreaves' equally admirable Vitellius completed a strong cast. There were some electrifying contributions from the chorus (drilled by Christopher Fifield) and the orchestra also played excellently for Michael Lloyd, whose high-tension conducting did full justice to the spirit of the piece.

In the first half of a nicely judged BBC Symphony Orchestra programme under Andrew Davis, Stephen Hough succeeded in bringing fresh interpretative insights (often subtle touches of phrasing or dynamics) to Brahms's Piano Concerto No 1 in D minor without ever giving the impression that he was introducing novelty for novelty's sake.

Hugh Wood's Symphony, first heard nearly a decade ago at the Proms, seems as relevant and powerful a response as ever to the crisis of our culture, and deserves to be heard more often. The harmonic idiom is closest to Mahler or Berg, but its references — some patent, some only half-perceived — range from Mozart to Wagner and beyond.

Integrated skilfully into the structure by motivic and rhythmic means, the subtext of these references seems to relate to the trials and challenges to which humane, loving impulses are subjected in a harsh, modern world.

In the passacaglia finale, with its funereal tread, the desolate mood of Strauss's *Metamorphosen*, nostalgic for former glories, never seems far away. Yet the end is an affirmation, albeit the affirmation of a witness with more confidence in the past than in the future.

BARRY MILLINGTON

RADIO

In Their Element
Table Talk
Radio 4/Radio 3

I ONCE spent several weeks trying to firm up an interview with a member of the London Fire Brigade whose hobby consisted of setting fire to sofas in front of invited audiences. The story seemed to have everything — art, vocational deviance, plenty of photogenic flames — but the man himself was elusive. Eventually a chance conversation in a pub informed me that my quarry had committed suicide the previous day. I mention these things because they show that those who douse fires can be quite as interesting as those who set them. Rumour has it that they may, on occasion, be identical: one-man job-creation schemes. Certainly, a 45-minute radio documentary about fire which fails to mention the word "arson" can have scant claims for authority.

All that In Their Element (Radio 4, Sunday) managed to establish was that professional men whose work takes them close to fire generally believe it to be fascinating, dangerous and, er, elemental. "It's a wild animal," suggested a fire-eater, brimming with pride at having scared the daylights out of an opera chorus with his monster 15-foot flames. "Fire's your friend," proposed Red Adair, the microphone failing to pick up the scar tissue on his face.

And yet it was not the lack of visual content that scuppered the programme so much as its ambition to be compendious, shoe-horning in as many character-witnesses as the schedule could take and thereby blandly expanding to fill its space. It eschewed the interviewer's voice, which was perhaps a blessing, but had patently invited its subjects to trot out their standard line about their work at the expense of questioning them.

The *omnium gatherum* approach inevitably seems busy but is actually lazy in that it avoids the need for focus. There is an almost absolute gulf of register between a blacksmith groping for something to say about his forge and a wacky pyrotechnist planning his own cremation and subsequent redistribution among aerial shells. In the wrong hands a documentary about left-handed gnomes in space could be as dull as an interview with a lamp standard.

Or, say, a report from a bakery devoted to producing loaves in the shape of pudenda. Table Talk (Radio 3) took a stroll around Second Avenue, New York, to sample pickled watermelons, the cult of brunch and The Erotic Bakery, whose typical customers are women organising "shower parties". (Is the bread waterproof? Are there fishes as well as loaves?)

In terms of technique, the programme was admirable, combining street-corner wild-track, instant autobiographies and pert interventions from Suzanne Levy, who pointed out to the proprietor of a knish bakery that his figure was inconsistent with his salutary claims for his products. There was a very ready explanation, sighingly delivered: he never ate them.

MARTIN CROPPER

NEW MUSIC

Matrix/Ziegler
Wilde, Bracknell

THE Wilde Theatre, at South Hill Park Arts Centre outside Bracknell, was where a few years ago the marriage of Opera Factory and the London Sinfonietta (recently granted a decree nisi) was celebrated. Clearly it is still a place for offbeat entertainments. This year's musical programme has a canonic theme, which Robert Ziegler and his Matrix Ensemble honoured in a programme ranging from a Bach cantata through 20th-century musings on Bach subjects (by Percy Grainger and Poul Ruders) to a couple of Conlon Nancarrow's canonic studies, in Webernesque instrumentations by Yvar Mikhashoff.

Perhaps the only hope for such a heterogeneous evening was to make it truly bizarre by inviting Jonathan Lloyd to contribute a new piece; certainly his *Marching to a Different Song* was crazy enough for the purpose, besides being witty and wistful and beautiful. It also had the welcome effect, coming two-thirds of the way through the concert, of gearing the musicians up to their best efforts.

The soprano Janis Kelly gave a bright, unforced performance in the dual role of a singer in search of a song and a song in flight from its singer. Wind and percussion boldly paraded onto the platform and off again, and played some splendid things while they were with us. Around them a string quartet played a kind of "Hail and Farewell" symphony, arriving and leaving one by one to make their busy, earnest canon more than a bit ridiculous. It was a sprightly piece of musical juggling on Lloyd's part to make all this into something oddly touching.

Ziegler and his group have also recently released an intriguing record (ASV DCA 758) of three dramaticules commissioned by the Princesse Edmond de Polignac: Stravinsky's *Renard*, Falla's *Master Peter's Puppet Show* and Milhaud's *The Sorrows of Orpheus*, with performances of the first two to match their spark.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

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WORD-WATCHING

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PRESCIND
(b) To consider separately, from the Latin *praescindere* to cut off in front: "An abstract idea of happiness, prescinded from all pleasure."

SHIBBOLETH
(a) A test word, the Hebrew word used by Jephthah to distinguish the fleeing Ephraimites (who could not pronounce the sh) from his own Gileadites; Milton: "In that sore battel when so many dy'd/Without reprieve adjudg'd to death/For want of well pronouncing Shibboleth."

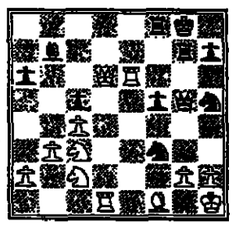
VIRGULE
(c) A sloping or upright line used in writing and printing to mark the caesura or a punctuation mark, from the Latin *virgula* a little rod: "The technical name of the short slanting stroke between and and or in the device is virgule."

KACHINA
(c) In Pueblo Indian mythology one of the ancestral spirits which visit the pueblos to bring rain, etc., from the Hopi *qacina* supernatural: "The masked dancers who impersonate kachinas in the great rain rites and rituals."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Ustinov — Stein, USSR 1965. Black has his pieces pointing dangerously at the white king. Can you see how he made the most of this?



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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News
9.05 Gloria Live. Gloria Hunniford's guests this morning include Tim Egger the education minister, who talks about the new tests for seven-year-olds, and Gary Mason, the former British heavyweight champion, who discusses the ABA's refusal to grant licences to women boxers 9.50 Dish of the Day
10.00 News and weather 10.05 Playdays (r) 10.35 Bunyip (r)
11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 People Today. Programme from around Britain including *Health UK*, in which Martyn Lewis discusses the problem of shingles 12.05 Rosemary Conley's Diet and Fitness Club. Slim down with Rosemary 12.20 Scene Today. Judy Spiers and Tim Grundy present live music and chat from Pebble Mill. The guests include June Whitfield and, with a song, Pepsi and Shirley 12.55 Regional News and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Turnabout. Fast-paced quiz
2.15 Film: The Velvet Touch (1948, b/w). A tightly plotted thriller starring Rosalind Russell as a frustrated star who kills her producer. Her conscience is pricked when another woman is prosecuted for the murder. Directed by John Gage
3.50 Quick Draw McGraw. Cartoon 4.00 Pigsty (r) 4.10 The Further Adventures of SuperTed (r) 4.20 Simon and the Witch. Episode five of the 12-part children's serial 4.35 Dungeons and Dragons. Cartoon adventures (r) 5.00 Newsround

Feather in his cap: Ruaridh Donald George MacLennan (5.05pm)

5.05 The Lowdown: Wee Chiefee.
● CHOICE: It's not often that television previewers get invited to see children's programmes; even rarer are the occasions when what they see is worth recommending without reservation. Here's a modest film that is exactly that. Substituting the soundtrack swirl of bagpipes for the triumphal trumpets that some other directors with more inflated imaginations might have used, Kate Copstick tells the story of Ruaridh Donald George MacLennan, 35th hereditary chief of the Clan MacLennan. There's nothing TV-worthy about that if you happen to think it's not remarkable that the mantle of chieftainship should fallen on 13-year-old shoulders, and that the feather in the cap he wears at his first Gathering as clan chieftain is almost half as long as he is. Perhaps you can now understand why Eric Rowan, producer of *The Lowdown* series, says it aims never to be predictable. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40-6.00pm Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Bread. Carla Lane's Merseyside comedy series (r). (Ceefax)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax)
8.00 *Dad's Army: The Desperate Drive of Corporal Jones.* Vintage comedy with the Home Guard of Walmington-on-Sea. Jones (Clive Dunn) is on a mission to save the platoon, who are in danger as they do not realise the barn that they are guarding is a military test target (r). (Ceefax)
8.30 A Question of Sport. Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham battle it out with their teams — fast bowler Devon Malcolm, striker Ian Wright, athelete Liz McColgan and England rugby union international Simon Hodgkinson — in the sporting quiz hosted by David Coleman. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 Kinsey. Investigative lawyer Kinsey (Leigh Lawson) is called in to a factory to discover if a union is corrupt and making false insurance claims. (Ceefax) Wales: Week In, Week Out 10.00 Kinsey
10.20 Film 91. Barry Norman reviews this week's new film releases, including Franco Zeffirelli's version of *Hamlet* with Mel Gibson as the Prince and Glenn Close as Queen Gertrude. Also a report on the treatment of animals in film-making. Northern Ireland: Country Times
10.50 Cagney and Lacey: Rules of the Game. Chris and Mary Beth join a special taskforce assigned to solve the politically sensitive murder of a UN delegate. However, Chris is sexually harassed by the superior officer Captain Hennessey who threatens to jeopardise her career if she does not play along (r)
11.40 Weather. Wales and Northern Ireland: Film 91 12.10am News and weather

BBC 2

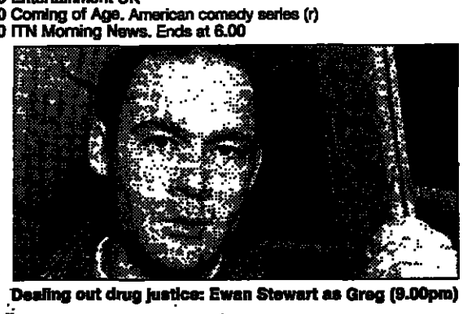
8.00 News 8.15 Westminster
9.00 Film: Mexican Spitfire Out West (1939, b/w). One of a series of RKO second features starring Lupe Velez as Carmelita. In this outing Carmelita is incensed that her husband Dennis (Donald Woods) has forgotten their first wedding anniversary. Directed by Leslie Goodwins
10.15 Film: Radio City Revels (1938, b/w). A songwriter down on his luck comes across Lester, a man who unwittingly composes hit songs in his sleep. Stars Jack Oakie, Milton Berle, Ann Miller and Bob Burns. Directed by Ben Stoloff
11.40 Film: Pack Up Your Troubles (1932, b/w). Laurel and Hardy star in this classic comedy as two chums who must fulfil a promise to a late army friend by restoring his young daughter to her wealthy grandparents. Directed by George Marshall and Raymond McCarey
12.45 Rabbit on the Moon (b/w). The traumas of growing up are intensified for an Australian girl of Italian descent
1.05 Gustave. An experimental dance routine which draws its inspiration from a series of photographs of the Eiffel Tower
1.10 Animation Now: Mindscape (b/w) 1.20 Postman Pat (r) 1.35 See Hear! (r)
2.00 News and weather followed by Muggeridge: Ancient and Modern, 1971-1978. Continuing the repeated documentary series about the life of broadcaster and journalist Malcolm Muggeridge (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live 3.50 News, regional news and weather
4.00 Call My Bluff. Witty word game hosted by Robert Robinson (r)
4.30 Plunder. Comedian Arthur Smith selects his favourite clips from the television archives with the help of presenter Emma Freud
5.00 News followed by Who Cares Now?: Bad Days I Want to Cry. Jonathan Miller presents this programme looking at the potentially devastating effects on the lives of those people caring for an older, dependent relative. (Ceefax)
5.30 Gardeners' World. Dr Stefan Buczacki reports from the conference and show at Warwick university (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Film: Shenandoah (1965). James Stewart stars in this civil war drama as a farmer reluctant to be drawn into the war between the States, until his son-in-law (Doug McClure) is commissioned into the Confederate army and his youngest son (Philip Alford) is captured by Federal troops. Directed by Andrew V. McLaglen. (Ceefax)
7.40 Families at War: The Regiment. Final part of Peter Taylor's documentary trilogy about the Royal Green Jackets, a regiment of British troops first deployed in Northern Ireland in 1969 (r). (Ceefax)
8.30 Nature: The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing. A programme about the increasingly controversial policy of dipping sheep into organo-phosphates to kill the sheep scab mite. (Ceefax)
9.00 Twin Peaks. Mysteries continue to multiply as Special Agent Dale Cooper (Kyle MacLachlan) is pitted against former partner Windom Earle (Kenneth Walsh) in a deadly game of chess. (Ceefax)

A darkened tunnel: Janet Talbot, a widow and cripple (9.50pm)

9.50 Taking Liberties: Justice Denied
● CHOICE: The final shot in David Jessel's investigation into the apparently inequitable working of the legal aid system, shows a train vanishing into a tunnel at the end of which no light can be seen. It is an apt image because there is no light, either, at the end of the tunnels through which the two women and one men featured in tonight's documentary have been trapped for years. When legal aid was introduced 42 years ago, the intention was to ensure that all citizens should be able to afford to exercise their rights to equal legal protection. In practice — and there is no reason to believe that the circumstances in tonight's three cases are exceptional — a combination of factors too often results in legal aid being either refused or initially granted and then withdrawn. And the blame, as we learn tonight, cannot always be laid at the door of something as well-defined as the means test
10.20 Building Sights: Boarbank Hall Oratory. A look at this unusual structure set inside a building run by Augustinian Sisters in Cumbria which was designed by Gordon Benson and Alan Forsyth
10.30 Newsnight. News and current affairs presented by Peter Snow
11.15 The Late Show. Includes a report on the redesign of *The Times*'s typeface 11.55 Weather

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association game hosted by Lennie Bennett 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . John Stapleton and his audience discuss the concept of monogamy, and whether the idea of a single marriage is defunct
10.40 This Morning. Family magazine series presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan
12.10 Rod Jane and Freddie sing songs about feelings (r)
12.30 News and weather 1.10 Thames News and weather
1.20 Home and Away 1.50 A Country Practice
2.20 Take the High Road. Scottish drama serial 2.50 Jumble
3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 Families. Soap linking the North of England and Australia
3.55 Dirty Beasts and Revolting Rhymes. Animated adaptation of Roald Dahl's poems 4.10 The Return of Dogtanian 4.35 Diamond Brothers — South by South-East. Children's comedy drama series
5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Holness hosts the general knowledge quiz for teenagers
5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with more crime prevention ideas
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.30 Thames News and weather
7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the rolling expanses of the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle)
7.30 Thames Reports: Doing Time in Deva. The story of ten criminals from the southeast who are doing their community service repairing a run-down children's hospital in Romania
8.00 The Bill: Caught Napping. An internal investigation by the Serious Crimes Squad into the murder of a supergrass causes unwanted tensions within the ranks of Sun Hill CID, as well as provoking some particularly strange behaviour from Burnside. (Oracle)
8.30 Fiddlers Three. Unconvincing office drama starring Peter Davidson, Paula Wilcox and Charles Kay. (Oracle)
9.00 The Advocates. Final episode in the legal drama by Alma Cullen, centring on a firm of Edinburgh solicitors. Having had a narrow escape after an incendiary attack, Greg begins to close in on the drug dealers. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather
10.40 The Longest Hatred: Enemies of the People
● CHOICE: On the basis of the (regrettably) plentiful evidence it has amassed, part two of Rex Bloomstein's history of Jewish persecution can, and does, come to only one conclusion: that not only is anti-Semitism on the march again in both eastern and western Europe, but that it is developing into a quick march. One by one tonight, the countries are ticked off in blood-red — western Germany, eastern Germany, Austria, Poland, the Soviet Union. Everywhere, there are echoes of the anti-Semitic propaganda of more than half a century ago: "It's the Jews who really won the last war, and everyone else who lost" (young German neo-Nazi); "The source of anti-Jewish feeling is the anti-Polish behaviour of the Jews" (Cardinal Glemp, primate of Poland); "There are anti-Semites among both our bishops and our priests" (Russian Orthodox priest)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian drama set in a women's remand centre
12.30 This Week — 35 Years on the Front Line: Aden — The Last Post. The series of award-winning reports continues with a look at a typical patrol in the company of Col "Mad Mitch" Mitchell of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Presented by Phillip Whitehead (r)
1.00 Videoview. Mariella Frostrup presents a run-down of the latest video releases, including *Robocop 2*, *Darkman* and *Let it Ride*
1.30 How Was it for You?: Working Mothers. Henry Kelly hosts a discussion on the degree to which mothers are being forced out of the workplace
2.00 Donahue. Phil Dohahue talks to some so-called school "bad girls"
3.00 60 Minutes. American news and current affairs magazine
4.00 Entertainment UK
5.00 Coming of Age. American comedy series (r)
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00



Dealing out drug justice: Ewan Stewart as Greg (9.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 The Flying Doctors. Second episode of the drama about Australia's Royal Flying Doctor Service (r)
11.15 Automania 2000. Cartoon from 1963 about the life of a motorcar
11.30 The Dogs of the Pole. Will Steiger lives in the northern states of America with 80 dogs. This programme shows Steiger preparing his dogs for a 6,500km journey across Antarctica to meet other members of a trans-Antarctica expedition (r)
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Sue Cameron
12.30 Business Daily
1.00 Sesame Street. With guests Jessye Norman and Sejiai Azawa
2.00 Rainbow Serpent: A Changing Culture. The series on the history of Australia continues with a programme focusing on the importance of Aboriginal culture and in particular its strong family structures. There are interviews with Aboriginal actor, dancer and diplomat David Gulpilil and linguist Charmaine Green
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Live coverage of the 2.35, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. William G. Stewart presents this quick-fire quiz
5.00 Boom! Last in the magazine series for young people
5.30 Same Difference. Upbeat current affairs series presented from the point of view of people with disabilities
6.00 Duet: The Long Goodbye. Los Angeles-based sitcom
6.30 Happy Days: Bye Bye Blackball. Nostalgic American comedy set in the Fifties
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext)
7.50 Banned: The A — Z of Censorship: J is for . . . This three-minute nightly series continues with Judiciary, presented by Anthony Lester, QC
8.00 The Black Bag: Baby Ames Still Missing. A documentary about British criminal history's longest-running unsolved baby snatch case. Ames Glover, aged five-and-a-half months was abducted from the back seat of father Paul's car. More than a year later the Metropolitan Police are no closer to solving the case and suspect that information vital to the investigation is being withheld from them. For his part, Mr Glover is critical of the way the police have handled the case and would like to see them lay charges, thus allowing him to clear his name in court. Last in the current series
8.30 Nature Watch: Running With the Fox. David MacDonald, an expert on fox behaviour, talks to Julian Pettifer about this beautiful but controversial animal. (Teletext)
9.00 Without Walls: For Love or Money. The series that recently won the prestige BP Arts Journalism Award concludes with this episode devoted to a variety of collecting. Nicholas Ward-Jackson presents features on the current debate concerning the concept of "an original" in a time of mass-reproduction, a look at international art theft centring on Paris, the collecting of erotica and the curious world of taxidermy
10.00 Banned: From Russia With Laughter. A programme looking at humour in the Soviet Union and how it is used to undermine the country's pervasive bureaucracy. Needless to say it demonstrates that much comedy is universal and that the targets for satire — politicians, incompetence, injustice and misfortune — are the same in the Soviet Union as anywhere else

Irreverent comedians: Cleese, Palin and Chapman (10.30pm)

10.30 Banned: Film — Monty Python's Life of Brian (1979)
● CHOICE: There is no way that any committed Christian will take kindly to Terry Jones's notorious comedy unless each and every one of the following premises is accepted as a *possibility*: that Jesus was not the only man of his time to be hailed as the Messiah (in the film, Graham Chapman's Brian is a case of mistaken identity); that other holy men preached sermons about the birds of the air and the lilies of the field; that "Blessed are the peace-makers" *could* be misheard as "Blessed are the cheese-makers"; and that to think of the cross only in the context of the Crucifixion is to forget what a popular form of punishment it was for the Romans. Bad theology is one thing; bad taste is another, which is why many viewers tonight might well object to the spectacle of an arc of crucified men whistle and singing along to a chorus of "Always look on the bright side of life"
12.20am Banned: Sex In Our Time — Women, Sex and Identity. A never-before-broadcast programme dating back to 1976 which focuses on women's changing attitudes to their sexuality. This is broadcast with some of its images blacked out. Ends at 1.15

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Sixth Sense 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 7.30-8.00 Help 12.35 Almost Grown 1.40 The Concert 2.30 How Was It For You? 3.00 Entertainment UK 4.00 The Shakespeare Trilogy 4.30 All Action Sport Specials 5.00-5.30 Help

BORDER

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Tuesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Enterprize Challenge 11.40 Fight Night 12.40 Superstars of Wrestling 1.40 Film: Daring Game 3.35 Night Beat 4.35 About Britain 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL

As London except: 5.25pm-7.00 Central News 7.30-8.00 One World 11.40 Fight Night 12.40 Film: Perilous Voyage 2.30 How Was It For You? 3.00 The Concert 4.00 Top Ten 4.30-5.30 Central Jobs

GRAMPIAN

As London except: 5.10-5.40pm Home and Away 6.00 North Tonight 6.30 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 *Take the High Road* 7.30-8.00 Portrait of the Wild 11.40 Fight Night 12.40 Superstars of Wrestling 1.40 Film: The Daring Game 3.35 Night Beat 4.30 About Britain 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

GRANADA

As London except: 5.30pm-7.00 Granada Tonight 7.30-8.00 Travellers' Check 11.40 Fight Night 12.40 Superstars of Wrestling 1.40 Film: Daring Game 3.35 The Concert 4.30 About Britain 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50-m-2.20 The Sullivans 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 58.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Chain Reaction 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.40 Donahue 1.35 The Shakespeare Trilogy 2.15 Film: Goodbye Little One 3.45 60 Minutes 4.35 This England 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Day Return 11.40 Championship Boxing 12.40am-1.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H

TSW

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 High Days and Holidays 3.25-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Ark On The Move 11.40 The Sweeney 12.40 Superstars of Wrestling 1.40 Film: The Daring Game 3.35 Night Beat 4.30 About Britain 5.00-5.30 Farming News

TVS

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Country Ways 11.40 The TVS Match: Portsmouth v Brighton 12.30 Sohmanaid 2.15 Vivid 2.45 Music Box Special 3.15 60 Minutes 4.15 This England 4.45 Country Ways 5.00-5.30 Coast to Coast People

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Farmhouse Kitchen 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 The River Thames 11.40 Fight Night 12.40 Superstars of Wrestling 1.40 Film: Daring Game 3.35 Night Beat 4.30 About Britain 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 How Does Your Garden Grow? 11.40 Fight Night 12.40 Superstars of Wrestling 1.40 Film: Daring Game (Lloyd Bridges) 3.35 Night Beat 4.30 About Britain 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Tiswas 11.40 Wolf 12.35 The Young Riders 1.35 Hodson Confidential 2.00 60 Minutes 3.00 Music Box 4.00 About Britain 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Sesame street 10.25 Film: The Passionate Friends* 12.05 Sbecial 12.10 Pobol y Cwm 12.30 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen to One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Not Pots 2.30 Racing from Newmarket 4.30 Slot 23 5.15 Tonight with Jonathan Ross 5.45 Hena 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Pobol y cwm 7.00 Nyth Cacwn 7.30 Plu Mawn 8.00 The Wonder Years 8.30 Newyddion 9.00 Affairs of the Heart 10.00 The Golden Girls 10.55 True Stories: Gracewell 12.10 Banned: The Liberal Conspiracy 12.40 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 1.00pm News 1.40 House and Home 2.05 Perry Mason 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by McGillowsy's Way 4.30 Little 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Katts and Dog 7.25 Local Heroes 8.00 Perfect Scoundrels 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.10 Arts Express 10.40 St Elsewhere 11.30 News 11.40 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 2.30-m Bosco 3.05 The Den 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuach 7.00 Cursai 7.30 Glenroe 8.00 News followed by The Streets of San Francisco 9.00 Only Fools and Horses 9.30 News followed by Gabriel's Fire 10.25 Nightheaks 11.05 News 11.25 Dail Report 11.45 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mr Pepperpot 8.45 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 Here's Lucy 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Doctor, Doctor 8.00 Hollywood Wives: Final part of the mini series 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Werewolf 11.00 Police Story 12.00 Monsters 12.30am Rowan and Martin's Laugh-in 1.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 9.30 Newsline 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm NBC Today 1.30 NBC Today 2.30 CBS News 3.30 CBS News 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Target 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC News 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC News 4.30 Target

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase
10.00 September (1986): Woody Allen's drama about the romantic tension between Mia Farrow's six guests
12.00 Kid Blue (1973): A light-hearted Western set in 1902 about a notorious *outlaw who tries to go straight*
2.00pm W.W. and the Dixie Dance Kings (1975): A modern-day Robin Hood (Burt Reynolds) holds up petrol stations to help a country and western band
4.00 I Will Fight No More Forever (1976): A dramatisation of the real-life confrontation between Chief Joseph and the US Cavalry, which attempted to prevent the migration of his Indian tribe to Canada
6.00 Wizards of the Lost Kingdom (1986): A powerful wizard teams up with a mighty warrior on a quest for a magical ring
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Higher Education (1987): Comedy about a small-town teenager (Kevin Hicks) and his adventures in a big city art college
10.00 Highlander (1986): Epic fantasy starring Sean Connery and Christopher Lambert in which a group of immortals battle through the centuries to gain the prize
11.55 Blue Jean Cop (1988): Peter Weller and Sam Elliott join forces to investigate the fatal shooting incident between a corrupt police officer and a drug dealer
1.30am Desperate for Love (1989): A girl threatens the friendship of two teenage boys
4.00 Parents (1989): Cult black comedy about Michael, who discovers the truth about his mother and father. Ends at 5.20

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite. From 8pm, via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
5.15am The Black Book (1949): A period adventure set in the French Revolution
8.15 First Men in the Moon (1964): An adaptation of H.G. Wells's story of the Victorian inventor who builds the world's first spaceship. Starring Edward Judd
10.15 You Can't Have Everything (1937): A female playwright's (Alice Faye) serious drama is turned into a musical
12.15pm The Blue Bird (1940): Fairy tale about the children of a woodcutter who seek *the bluebird of happiness*
2.15 Personal Foul (1987): A drifter and a teacher strike up an unlikely friendship
4.15 Dot and the Bunny: A mixture of live action and animation
6.15 Kojak — None So Blind: Telly Savalas stars as the lollipop-sucking detective
7.50 To Be Or Not To Be — The Making of Zeffirelli's Hamlet: Starring Mel Gibson
8.45 Flowers in the Attic (1987): An adaptation of V.C. Andrews's Gothic tale about four young children who are imprisoned in an attic by their wicked grandmother
10.15 School Daze (1988): Musical comedy about a student's battle for racial awareness
12.20am Memories of Me (1988): A heart surgeon (Billy Crystal) seeks out his *estranged father* (Alan King)
2.05 Absence of Malice (1980): Reporter Sally Field is tricked into writing a slanderous piece on an innocent man (Paul Newman)
4.05 Three O'Clock High (1987): A student tries to avoid a 3pm punch-up with the school bully. Ends at 5.35

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
1.00pm Football Special 4.00 Scottish Football Magazine 5.00 Motorsport Extra 6.00 American Sports Cavalcade 7.00 Supercross 8.00 Live British Boxing 10.00 NWA Wrestling 11.00 Red Line 12.00 British Boxing

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
5.00am Newswatch 6.00 The DJ Kat Show 7.30 Eurobics 8.00 IAAF World Indoor Athletic Championships 9.00 Judo Masters 9.30 Cycling Fleche Wallone 10.30 Eurobics 11.00 European Open Snooker 1.00pm German Rally Championships 2.00 Ice Speedway World Championships 3.00 Mobil 1 Motorsport News 3.30 Ice Skating Post Championship Gala 5.30 World Cup Showjumping Final 8.30 Eurosport News 7.00 European Cup Final Basketball 9.30 *Motor Racing: World Sportscar Prototype* Championships 10.30 European Championship Football 12.00 Women's Nations Cup Volleyball 1.00am Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Motor Sport Rally 8.00 Spain Spain Sport 8.15 Spanish Football Highlights 8.45 Ten Pin Bowling 10.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling 11.00 NBA Basketball 1.00pm PGA Golf 2.00 Ice Racing 2.30 Mobile 1 Rally Challenge 3.00 Ten Pin Bowling 3.30 Fight Night at the Forum 5.00 Stop-IHRA Drag Racing 6.00 US Pro Ski Tour 6.45 Ten Pin Bowling 8.00 NHL Ice Hockey 10.00 Powersports 11.00 World Snooker Classics

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Slim Cooking 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Body Talk 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.35 The Edge of Night 2.00 Divorce Court 2.25 Lifestyle Plus 2.35 Monty Nash 3.05 Remington Steele 3.55 Tea Break 4.05 Doc 4.35 The Great American Gameshows 5.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 6.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Charpentier (Incidental music, *Andromède*: London Baroque under Medlam); Handel (Organ Concerto in F, Op 4 No 4: English Concert under Pinnock, with Simon Preston, organ)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Schumann (Overture, Manfred: Berlin PO under Furtwängler); Strauss (Horn Concerto No 2 in E flat: Dresden Staatskapelle under Rudolf Kempe, with Peter Damm, *horn*); Liszt (*Grande étude in* G minor, Après Paganini: Nikolai Petrov, piano); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 10 in B minor for strings: I Musici)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: The Scarlattis. A. Scarlatti (Cantata, Su le sponde del tebro); D. Scarlatti (Sonatas in D, Kk 104/105; Salve Regina; Sonata in G, Kk 91); A. Scarlatti (Concerto No 1 in F minor)
9.35 Five Tudors: Browne (Salve Regina: The Sixteen under Christophers); Fayrfax (Most Clear of Colour); Sheryngham (Ah Gentle Jesu: Hilliard Ensemble); Cornysh (You and I and Amyes: Circa 1500); Tye (In Nomine, Crye); Tallis (In Nomine No 2 in four parts: Fretwork); Tallis (O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit; Remember Not, O Lord God: Tallis Scholars under Peter Phillips); Byrd (O Mistress Mine: Ton *Koopman, harpsichord*); Wilbye (Draw On, Sweet Night: Amaryllis Consort); Dowland (Go from My Window: Stephen Stubbs, lute). Allison (Go from My Window: Dowland Consort); Byrd (Mass in five parts. Christ Church Cathedral Choir; Stephen Darlington)
1.40 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Janos Forst, with Gyorgy Pauk, violin, performs Brahms (Violin Concerto in D, Op 77); Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 5 in D)
1.00pm News
1.05 Peter Donohoe: The pianist plays Beethoven (33 Variations on a Waltz by Diabelli, Op 120) (r)
2.00 Music Weekly (r)
2.45 BBC Scottish SO under Takuo Yuasa performs Berlioz (Overture, Les Francs juges); Satie (Parade); Khachaturian (Suite, Masquerade)
3.35 City of London Festival 1990: Auryn Quartet, with Douglas Boyd, oboe, performs Haydn (String Quartet in G, Op 54 No 1); Mozart (Quartet in F for oboe and strings, K 370); Beethoven (String Quartet in F, Op 59 No 3)
4.50 Poulenc and Berkeley: City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox performs L. Berkeley (Sinfonietta); Poulenc (Sinfonietta)
5.30 *Mainly for Pleasure* 7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Tom Stoppard talks to Paul Allen about his new play for radio, *In the Native State*, and about the film, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, which he directed
7.30 The London Philharmonic: Christoph von Dohnányi conducts Webern (Symphony, Op 21); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat: Emanuel Ax). 8.15 A Night in the Day of Karl Kraus. The Viennese satirist gets down to *work late one night in the* autumn of 1911. 8.35 Schoenberg (Five Orchestral Pieces, Op 16); Schumann (Symphony No 4 in D minor)
9.30 Drama Now: A Pig's Whisper
● CHOICE: A woman at the end of her tether is the central character of Dave Dick's powerful play, a radio drama entry for this year's Prix Futura, repeated from January last year. Anne, played to the very edge of despair by Ann Mitchell, is outwardly successful, the owner of a seaside hotel, but on her fiftieth birthday, no one remembers. A clock ticks steadily away as she wonders whether it's all been worthwhile. "All I've got to show for life," she reflects bitterly, "is nine full five-year diaries." Music is used effectively and sparingly to match the mood
10.35 Music at Beaulieu Abbey: Nina Kulikova and Olga Roumchevitch, piano duet, perform Brahms (Variations on a Theme of Robert Schumann; Hungarian Dances Nos 1-10)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Sibelius (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, with Brian Redhead and Sue MacGregor, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 The Moral Maze: Michael Buerk chairs a live investigation into questions of morality raised by the week's news stories (s)
9.45 Ottoman Adventure: Civilisations. The third of an eight-part journey through Turkey by the novelist Joseph Hone (r)
10.00 News; All in the Mind, with Professor Anthony Clare
10.30 Morning Story: The Picnic, by Ann Hall. Read by Ann Rye
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Citizens (s)
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent: Reflections of life and politics abroad
11.50 Great Lift Journeys: In the last in the series, Stephen Wells travels the lift at an old smugglers' watering hole in South Shields
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard, discovers why London's Metropolitan police force is changing the way it records police complaints
12.25pm Best of My World! (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: The author Ellis Peters discusses the relative merits of historical and detective fiction; David Bellamy examines children's awareness of environmental issues; the financial journalist Margaret Reid talks about banks; and there is an item on springtime in Paris
3.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: The Sleeper, by Alec Baron. Mrs Cleghorn (Kathleen Helme) has some old paintings valued at £100. At a subsequent sale, one of the paintings is attributed to Turner, and the vendor sues the valuers for negligence
3.32 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Owen Murray and Viacheslav Samionov, virtuoso performers on the free-bass accordion
4.00 News
4.05 Age to Age: Barry Cunliffe looks back 130 years to the American civil war, in which 750,000 soldiers lost their lives. He studies the role ut the poet Walt Whitman, who worked as a nurse and visitor to the wounded men in the field hospitals during the war
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Includes reviews of the television series *The Darling Buds of May*; Maria St Just's collection of *Letters of Tennessee Williams*; Jane Gardham's novel, *Queen of the Tambourines*; and *Mr Wroe's Virgins*, a novel by Jane Rogers (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Second Thoughts: Room with a Queue. The second of an eight-part comedy by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie (s)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Reports on major issues at home and abroad
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Famous for 15 Minutes: Jenni Mills talks to the third of six people who have been momentary celebrities. At the Albert Hall on August 7, 1974, Patrick McCarthy took the place of a soloist during the highlight of a Prom concert
8.45 In Touch: Magazine for the visually handicapped
9.15 Kaleidscope (s) (broadcast at 4.30pm)
9.45 *The Financial World Tonight* (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Tuppence for the Rainbow, by Leslie Sands (7 of 8)
11.00 The Trade Rag: Bus Business. The second of four newspapers and magazines serving different trades and professions (s) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; FM 97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM 88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m; FM 90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM 92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; Melody FM 104.9.

RADIO 5

FM Stereo and MW. 5.00am Gary King 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 Don't Believe the Hype: Gimmicks! (1 of 3) (r) 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Bob Harris

FM Stereo. 4.00am Alex Lester: The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm Cliff Morgan 2.00 Sarah Kennedy 4.00 Joe Brown 5.06 John Dunn 7.00 The Classic Busters: The best and the worst classical compositions (1 of 8) 7.30 Steve Race 9.00 Up from Somerset: The story of Fred Weatherly, the forgotten Bristol-born lyricist 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Bill Rennells with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.30 Soundwaves: Waltzing with Hilda (r) 10.00 News;

Major regret on TV interview

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

THE prime minister yesterday made known his frustration at the outcome of his first in-depth television interview. John Major's reservations at the way his 50-minute session with Brian Walden on Sunday turned out were shared by some of his colleagues on the Conservative backbenches.

While Mr Major regretted that Mr Walden's line of questioning did not take him into general government policy, some Conservative MPs wished that he had been more aggressive and imposed his agenda.

Criticism of Mr Major's performance is tempered, however, by Conservative concern that the party may endanger its standing through lack of support for Mr Major. That concern was highlighted by Norman Tebbit, the former party chairman, who called on Conservatives to stop bickering and unite behind the prime minister.

Labour MPs last night voiced astonishment at the manner in which Mr Major had allowed himself to be thrown onto the defensive. They said the prime minister appeared to have no message to give to the electorate.

Sources close to the prime minister admitted that he was frustrated by the questioning on Sunday's *Walden* programme on LWT. The sources said that Mr Major did not find the questions illuminating in that they concentrated on the community charge and the Kurdish issue but had not gone beyond that into general government policy.

Last night BBC 1's *Panorama* programme claimed that Margaret Thatcher recognised Mr Major as a would-be achiever and she liked achievers. It claimed that Mr Major had insisted teachers call him by his father's surname, Major-Ball, rather than plain Major, was described in school reports as "cheeky" and that on becoming foreign secretary he had contacted his school and asked them to keep his records secret.

The programme said that he realised on a canal boat holiday with Robert Atkins, now sports minister, five years ago that the way to succeed Mrs Thatcher was to steer a middle course. It said that Mr Major was astonished to be made foreign secretary. Mr Atkins said: "He was shaken by the fact that this was a job he had not anticipated, had not expected and wasn't sure how he could cope."

Head start: a young woman is measured for the wig that she will wear in *Tosca* at Earls Court in June, after yesterday's audition

Exit stage left for host of rejected extras

By Joe Joseph

"ARE you a writer or are you here for an audition? You could be a Roman soldier. You'd be perfect. Ask your editor to release you. What's your name? Joe? Let's call you Giuseppe. You could tell him you're going to write the inside story. Wouldn't you like to be a decadent Roman soldier?"

No. But Francesca Zambello, a rapid-fire New Yorker who is directing *Tosca* at Earls Court in June, still had a choice from over 200 other men who not only didn't mind, but were aching to parade as extras in front of 13,000 people a night, probably wearing little more than Roman tea towels around their waists.

One expects people at open auditions to turn up in leggings and leotards and to be quietly practising their entrechats, or something equally improving. In fact, many looked like tourists. Some looked like unemployed photocopier salesmen. Several looked like Telly Savalas. One looked like a thinner Lord Weidenfeld. If your messenger-delivered parcel arrived late yesterday, it may have been because the dispatch rider you hired was also trying his luck in the rehearsal rooms at Earl's Court.

The hopefuls queued in groups of four and five to be given the thumbs up, or down, by Ms Zambello. All nodded furiously when asked if they had been in operas or films before, but you had the unfair suspicion that most had performed only before the camera in a passport photo booth. Ms Zambello, who processed the herd quicker than an abattoir, was looking for 80 men.

"Thanks for showing up but you're not the right type ... When I call for soldiers I need you to come back. Now wait outside. You too. The other two gentlemen, thank you very much ... Are you strong? Remember 'cauditore'. Can you remember that word? You're going to be a cauditore. Don't go far ... Okay, you're the eight Swiss guards. We still need about nine bishops. We need four priests. We still need our cardinal ... Michael Earl, you're the cardinal. You get the best frock in the show. ... Stefano, would you be opposed to appearing without a shirt on stage? Do you have a hairy chest? A little hairy, huh? Well don't shave it. I'd like you to be an executioner."

Most fell by the wayside and resumed delivering parcels, or sightseeing or whatever. The Lord Weidenfeld lookalike was urged to "hang loose", but around lunchtime Ms Zambello let him go. Stefano was supplanted as executioner by Anthony Powell, who not only looked like he could lead a firing squad but might also bite the heads off live chickens. "Okay, we've finished guys," Ms Zambello said. "We've had a great session. I'm sure about five of these people are wrong. We'll stick them behind a pillar. You sure you don't want a part, Giuseppe?"

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Political sketch

Commons soldiers marching as to war

YESTERDAY the House of Commons returned from its Easter recess. The holiday has done it good. The growls were throatier and the cheers cheerier. Nothing new was said. In short, the place was back on form.

"On form" for the lower chamber means one of two things: MPs march against each other, or they march together: but they are soldiers, rarely thinkers. Parliament is not a symposium. It is an army, a mutiny, or a civil war.

Yesterday it was an army. The Commons has decided that "something has got to be done" about the Kurds. And that is that. It is now the received truth at Westminster. None dare gainsay it. Every statement must begin from that assumption. Should the sentiment in any way clash with other doctrines to which an MP may previously have subscribed, then the challenge is to reconcile them to the new position as elegantly as possible, or to bury them by whatever subterfuge comes to hand.

A doctrine like the "sovereignty of nations" can be reverenced and quoted for years by almost everybody and then completely swept away in an afternoon by a few hundred backbenchers who have been upset by something they have seen on television. As the argument progressed, it became apparent that "the sovereignty of nations" was "the sovereignty of nice nations". Apparently it had never meant anything else.

Thus it was that an opposition Labour party, whose ideological pedigree often disposes it against intervention by the Americans and their allies in the internal affairs of third world countries, found all kinds of ways, yesterday, to conclude that elbowing Saddam out of the way would not be intervention, or would be justified intervention, or would not, in fact, be elbowing Saddam out of the way.

Thus it was that a Conservative party, whom you might expect to treat with suspicion any proposal for military adventures in far off places for charitable purposes, found itself urging its foreign secretary onward to bolder and more expensive positions even than the one he has taken. The place seemed gripped by some sort of collective will to act.

Julian Amery (C, Brighton Pavilion) at least recognised what he has doing. In any conflict between humanity and non-intervention, he said, humanity should prevail. Many Labour backbenchers, Dale Campbell Savours (Lab, Workington) foremost, thought that if the tag "genocide" could be attached to Iraqi policy, that made intervening acceptable. "The world cannot remain indifferent," said Labour's David Winnick (Walsall N).

But Ivor Stanbrook, (C, Orpington) put it best, perhaps because having temporarily lost his train of thought he was obliged to stop and think what it was he really wanted to say. "Saddam Hussein is wicked and bloodthirsty," he stammered, "what can be done about getting rid of him?"

By the time I left (for the repetition of such opinions showed signs of continuing all afternoon) only three backbenchers had voiced doubts. Anthony Nelson (C, Chichester) attempted a (perhaps hopeful) distinction between "supervision" and "intervention". If we breached sovereignty, he said "we are all lost."

Sir John Stokes (C, Stourbridge & Halesowen) said that intervention would be "wrong and dangerous". More subtly, Nick Budgen (C, Wolverhampton SW) said we had better take care not to let Shias and Kurds imagine that if they rebelled we would help them.

All three were heard with gasps of incredulity.

Matthew Parris

'Endorsement' of fair rates challenged

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the calculations about local taxation made by any political party." While Mr Hepworth refused to endorse formally the figures, he said that calculations by his staff had shown that returning to the rates would produce a saving of £140 for each two-person household, as Labour claims.

It should, however, be made clear that there would be gainers and losers under Labour's plans with those in the highest value properties being worst hit by the system. A property tax would be easier to collect than the community charge and cheaper, costing less than half the £440 million for poll tax collection.

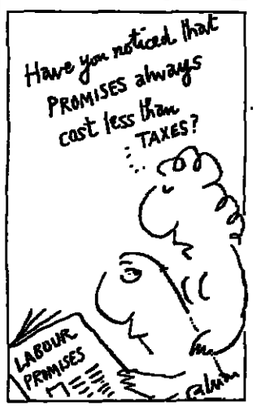
The Institute of Rating Revenues and Valuation has also expressed scepticism, describing the claims as "unhelpful" and sayig the party was raising expectations it could not fulfil. A senior source said that while Labour's figure of £140 was arithmetically correct it, was misleading because by the time the party came to power it would be impossible to guarantee an average reduction of that magnitude.

It was wrong to suggest that every charge payer would be £140 better off. Some would lose heavily and by freeing councils from spending restrictions Labour risked allowing bills to rise rather than fall.

Some treasurers are worried that the campaign leading up to the local government elections in May will develop into a "dutch auction", with the parties promising lower bills if they are elected.

Mr Gould said that while he understood that professional bodies could not publicly align themselves with political parties, Labour's calculations had been borne out by work done by the two institutes.

"The fact is that they accept the validity of our promise that the average two-person household would be £140 better off under our fair rates than they are under the poll tax," he said. "Their own calculations show that we are right and no matter how the Conservatives try to wriggle they know that we are right."



Plight of Sudan starving

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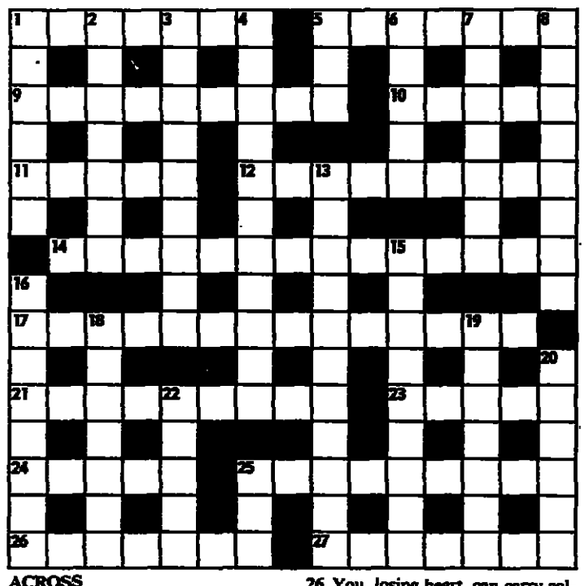
firmly back on the agenda. We are all interdependent and Africa is part of that. We need to maintain an investment, be it in interest, or money. It is an exciting and vibrant continent, and it can have a great future, and that is partly up to us." Oxfam officials yesterday met Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, to underline the Princess Royal's warning. The charity is calling on Mr Hurd to urge his European Community counterparts to make available 750,000 tonnes of new food aid for Africa immediately.

A consortium of leading relief agencies said that more than 27 million people faced starvation across the continent. "The European Community record in responding to this famine could be much better," the charities said in a joint statement to the EC.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,581



ACROSS

1 Store used to secure things? (7).
5 Confused, endless talk affecting the ear (7).
9 Recovered, right in long grass (9).
10 Extra payment for working in public transport? (5).
11 Pound of jam (5).
12 Some levels of society treasure this device (9).
14 Jack Porter, say, seen at head of column (8-6).
17 Fate of parents, to die in revolution (14).
21 Old Flora's air-freshener? (3-6).
23 Contract bridge champion pair (5).
24 Fruit very soft and bitter, perhaps, on the outside (5).
25 An original Grandma Moses? (9).
26 You, losing heart, can carry soldiers here in Mexico (7).
27 Intoxicating element of an hotel cocktail (7).

DOWN

1 Open order? (6).
2 Card game grips cold men on guard duty (7).
3 Main variation in Ariel's song? (3-6).
4 Hat a monster chewed up in Scotland (3-1-7).
5 Scoundrel gets caught at a dead end (3).
6 Pre-lunch period produces one boundary! (5).
7 This songbird is brown and silver, with a hesitant call (7).
8 Change pure wool sweater (8).
13 Endless warfaring perhaps, the piper's stock-in-trade? (11).
15 Habit less strange in institute? (9).
16 Feste's end in happy disarray (Twelfth Night) (8).
18 City issue in the wrong place, according to doctors (7).
19 Something new, doing away with pub cheers (7).
20 Refuse to accept a withdrawal (6).
22 Ringwood open to view (5).
25 Pound, the writer (3).

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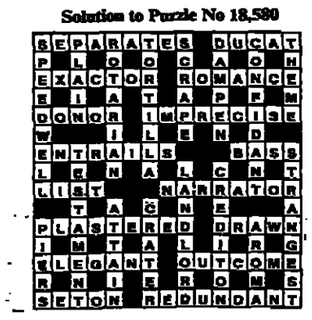
Solution to Puzzle No 18,580



The clue to 5 down in yesterday's crossword was missing in some editions. It was: Fight overbearing husband (6).

WORDS

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

PRESCIND
a. To abrogate
b. To think of separately
c. Previously broken

SHIBBOLETH
a. A password
b. A sacred curse
c. Forbidden fruit

VIRGULE
a. The cane at Eton
b. A square bracket
c. A slanting line

KACHINA
a. Series of prime numbers
b. An infused narcotic drink
c. Spirit ancestors

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AA Roadwatch

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WEATHER

Early morning mist in the South should clear quickly, then much of the country should have a dry, bright day with some sunshine. The east coast will be rather cloudy at times and cold. In the North-East there could be a few showers, mostly light. Over the northern isles the showers could be heavy and wintry with gales. Colder everywhere, especially in the north. Outlook: dry but turning colder.

MIDDAY AROUND

MIDDAY: b=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	19	66	s	Majorca	14	57	f
Akrotiri	23	73	s	Malaga	18	64	s
Alex'dria	22	72	f	Malta	18	64	f
Algiers	21	70	f	Melb'rne	19	66	c
Amst'dm	18	64	s	Mexico C*	27	81	s
Athens	18	64	s	Miami*	28	82	c
Bahrain	25	77	s	Milan	17	63	s
Barbados*	27	81	c	Montreal*	12	54	s
Barcelona	15	59	c	Moscow	13	55	c
Belgrade	17	63	c	Munich	16	61	s
Berlin	19	66	s	Nairobi	23	73	c
Bermuda*	20	68	f	Naples	20	68	s
Biarritz	12	54	r	N Delhi	31	88	s
Borde'x	18	64	c	N York*	11	52	s
Brussels	19	66	s	Nice	19	66	s
Budapst	17	63	c	Oslo	14	57	s
B Aires*	21	70	c	Paris	19	66	s
Cairo	26	79	s	Peking	21	70	s
Cape Tn	20	68	f	Perth	27	81	s
C'blanca	17	63	c	Prague	18	64	f
Chicago*	19	66	c	Reykjavik	4	39	s
Ch'church	15	59	f	Rhodes	19	66	s
Cologne	21	70	f	Rio de J	27	81	s
C'phagn	15	59	s	Riyadh	28	82	f
Corfu	19	66	s	Rome	18	64	s
Dublin	10	50	s	Salzburg	18	64	s
Dubrovnik	18	64	s	S F'isco*	12	54	c
Frankfurt	19	66	s	Seoul	15	59	f
Funchal	18	64	c	Sing'por	30	86	c
Geneva	18	61	s	Stkholm	14	57	f
Gibraltar	17	63	f	Strasb'rg	20	68	s
Helsinki	4	39	c	Sydney	20	68	f
Hong K	22	72	c	Tangier	18	64	f
Innsbrck	17	63	s	Tel Aviv	21	70	f
Istanbul	11	52	f	Tenerife	19	66	c
Jeddah	32	90		Tokyo	19	66	c
Jo'burg*	21	70	c	Toronto*	7	45	f
Karachi	37	99	s	Tunis	20	68	s
L Palmas	19	66	c	Valencia	14	57	r
Le Tquet	14	57	f	Vanc'ver*	10	50	f
Lisbon	13	55	c	Venice	18	64	s
Locarno	17	63	c	Vienna	18	64	s
L Angeles*	17	63	s	Warsaw	18	64	s
Luxembg	19	66	s	Wash'ton*	9	48	c
Luxor	36	97	s	Wel'ngton	18	64	f
Madrid	10	50	d	Zurich	16	61	s

* denotes figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	12.5	-	12	54	sunny
Anglesey	11.0	-	11	52	sunny
Aviemore	10.7	-	15	59	sunny
Belfast	10.9	-	13	55	sunny
Birmingham	9.1	-	11	52	sunny
Blackpool	12.6	-	15	59	sunny
Bognor Regis	9.0	-	13	55	sunny
Bournemouth	2.6	-	15	59	bright
Brighton	8.2	-	12	54	sunny
Bristol	8.0	-	13	55	sunny
Buxton	7.7	-	10	50	sunny
Cardiff	11.1	-	13	55	sunny
Clacton	1.5	-	11	52	bright
Colwyn Bay	10.9	-	9	48	sunny
Crosser	0.3	-	8	46	cloudy
Douglas	10.6	-	12	54	sunny
Edinburgh	11.0	-	12	54	sunny
Eskdalemuir	12.1	-	12	54	sunny
Guernsey	1.5	-	10	50	cloudy
Hastings	2.0	-	9	48	cloudy
Hunstanton	1.6	-	8	46	bright
Jersey	0.9	-	9	48	cloudy
Kinloss	11.7	-	15	59	sunny
Lerwick	6.6	-	9	48	bright
Minehead	6.0	-	12	54	sunny
Morecambe	11.6	-	14	57	sunny
Newcastle	X	-	9	48	sunny
Nottingham	8.3	-	11	52	sunny
Penzance	9.3	-	13	55	sunny
Poole	6.9	-	14	57	sunny
Sandown	5.3	-	13	55	sunny
Saunton Snd	10.1	-	13	55	sunny
Scarborough	4.9	-	8	46	sunny
Scilly Isles	3.5	-	11	52	bright
Southend	1.2	-	10	50	cloudy
St. Ives	9.3	-	11	52	sunny
Stornoway	8.6	-	13	55	sunny
Swanage	6.5	-	13	55	sunny
Teignmouth	7.1	-	12	54	sunny
Tenby	11.7	-	13	55	sunny
Tiree	12.5	-	11	52	sunny
Torquay	7.6	-	13	55	sunny
Weymouth	9.3	-	13	55	sunny
Wick	10.5	-	11	52	sunny
Worthing	7.6	-	13	55	sunny

These are Sunday's figures

EXCHANGE RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.37	2.22
Austria Sch	22.00	20.60
Belgium Fr	64.30	60.30
Canada $	2.165	2.015
Denmark Kr	11.97	11.27
Finland Mkk	7.43	6.96
France Fr	10.51	9.86
Germany Dm	3.125	2.925
Greece Dr	3.36	3.16
Hong Kong $	14.46	13.46
Ireland Pt	1.166	1.096
Italy Lira	2320	2180
Japan Yen	256.25	239.25
Netherlands Gld	3.505	3.285
Norway Kr	12.13	11.43
Portugal Esc	268.25	252.25
South Africa Rd	5.35	4.85
Spain Pta	192	179
Sweden Kr	11.29	10.61
Switzerland Fr	2.64	2.47
Turkey Lira	7200	6400
USA $	1.876	1.758
Yugoslavia Dnr	38.00	26.00

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 1C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 11.4 hr.

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Greater London	701
Kent,Surrey,Sussex	702
Dorset,Hants & IOW	703
Devon & Cornwall	704
Wilts,Gloucs,Avon,Soms	705
Berks,Bucks,Oxon	706
Beds,Herts & Essex	707
Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs	708
West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent	709
Shrops,Herefds & Worcs	710
Central Midlands	711
East Midlands	712
Lincs & Humberside	713
Dyfed & Powys	714
Gwynedd & Clwyd	715
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W & S Yorks & Dales	717
N E England	718
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
Edin S Fife/Lothian & Borders	722
E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
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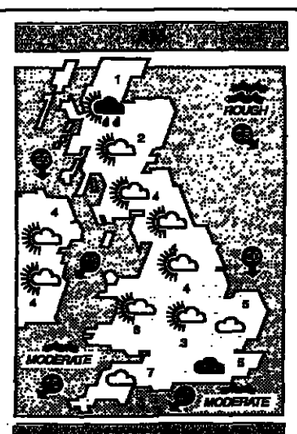
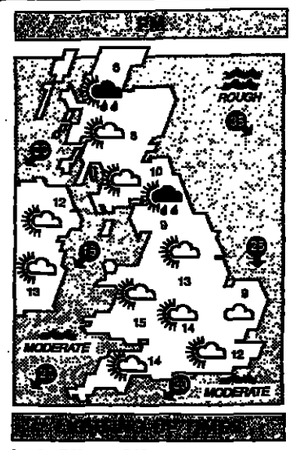


Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	s	Guernsey	10	50	c
B'mgham	11	52	f	Inverness	12	54	s
Blackpool	13	55	s	Jersey	11	52	c
Bristol	12	54	f	London	11	52	f
Cardiff	13	55	s	M'nchester	13	55	s
Edinburgh	13	55	f	Newcastle	11	52	s
Glasgow	15	59	s	R'ndalway	10	50	s

Sunday: Highest day temp: Tummel Bridge, Tayside, 16C (61F); lowest day max: Tynemouth, Tyne & Wear, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Margate, Kent, 0.04 in; highest sunshine: Blackpool, 12.6 hr.



LIGHTING UP

London 7.58 pm to 6.02 am
Bristol 8.08 pm to 6.12 am
Edinburgh 8.20 pm to 6.04 am
Manchester 8.11 pm to 6.06 am
Penzance 8.17 pm to 6.26 am

SUN AND MOON

Sun rises: 6.04 am
Sun sets: 7.58 pm
Moon rises: 6.16 am
Moon sets: 10.58 pm
First quarter April 21

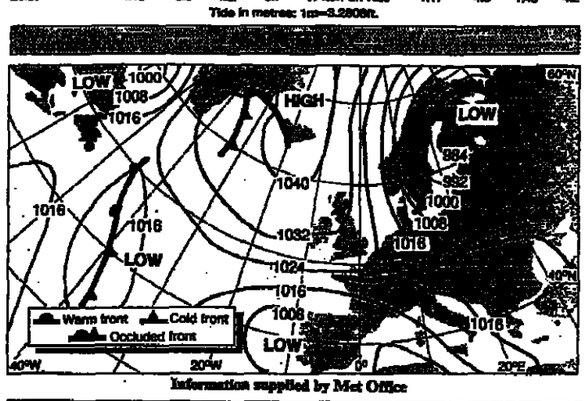
TEMPERATURES

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -1C (30F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 13.0hrs.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.23	7.3	3.51	7.3	Liverpool	12.42	9.5	1.01	9.7
Aberdeen	2.57	4.2	3.06	4.4	Lowestoft	11.22	2.4	11.31	2.5
Avonmouth	9.02	13.6	9.20	13.6	Margate	1.17	4.9	1.55	4.8
Belfast	12.26	3.3	12.43	3.4	Milford Haven	7.59	7.3	8.17	7.2
Cardiff	8.47	12.6	9.05	12.6	Newquay	6.40	7.3	7.07	7.2
Devonport	7.52	5.5	8.12	5.5	Oban	7.28	4.2	7.32	4.1
Dover	12.20	6.8	12.40	6.7	Penzance	6.50	5.6	7.12	5.6
Falmouth	7.22	5.3	7.42	5.3	Portland	8.53	2.2	9.13	2.2
Glasgow	2.31	4.6	2.53	4.7	Portsmouth	12.50	4.7	1.09	4.6
Harwich	1.25	4.0	1.52	4.0	Shoreham	12.40	6.3	1.01	6.3
Holyhead	11.59	5.8			Southampton	12.21	4.6	12.39	4.5
Hull	8.02	7.4	8.16	7.7	Swansea	8.04	9.9	8.21	9.9
Ilfracombe	7.45	9.5	8.02	9.4	Tees	5.19	5.4	5.31	5.6
King's Lynn	8.16	6.7	8.26	7.0	W'ton-on-Nze	1.17	4.3	1.43	4.2
Leith	4.10	5.5	4.27	5.7					

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.



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BUSINESS

Business Editor
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TUESDAY APRIL 16 1991

Excessive pay rises 'threaten rate cuts'

EXCESSIVE rises in public sector pay threaten cuts in interest rates needed to stimulate Britain's economy, John Banham, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, told members of the London Foreign Exchange Association last night.

Mr Banham said public sector pay negotiators had failed to match a moderation in private sector settlements in response to recession.

He said "mindless indexation" of settlements to inflation amounted to an accommodation with the government's principal economic enemy, inflation itself.

Manufacturing pay awards averaged 8.3 per cent in the first quarter this year. Some 800,000 white collar local authority workers are seeking increases of up to 15 per cent, and railway workers have rejected a 6.5 per cent offer to press for 10 per cent rises.

Mr Banham said: "Public sector pay settlements in the financial year to March 1992 — when inflation should be under 5 per cent — will be based on an increase of 9.3 per cent in the retail price index for the year to December 1990." The watchword for pay negotiators should be "no performance increase, no pay increase," he said.

East German papers for sale

Treuhand has offered to sell ten former East German Communist party regional newspapers to western German publishers for of DM 850 million.

The publishers have, in turn, offered to invest DM1.3 billion in the ten dailies with a total circulation of some 2.7 million. Talks and the sell-offs are likely to be completed by June. Three of 15 regional dailies have already been sold.

Hunting fall

Hunting, the defence company which makes the JP233 runway bomb, suffered a 20 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £38.5 million last year and said earnings could slide further this year due to a fall in armament sales. The company's final dividend is 6p, to make 10p, an 11 per cent rise.

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US dollar
1.7905 (+0.0135)
German mark
2.9982 (+0.0058)
Exchange index
93.3 (+0.3)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
2003.6 (+6.1)
FT-SE 100
2542.8 (+16.7)
New York Dow Jones
2920.54 (–0.25)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
26695.53 (+113.03)

TOP STORIES

RISES:

Greenall Whitley	347½p (+10p)
Elys Wimbledon	762½p (+14½p)
Liberty	595p (+20p)
Turriff	80p (+14p)
Sage Group	236p (+10p)
Shell	511p (+12p)
LASMO	364p (+11p)
Enterprise	559½p (+9p)
More O'Ferrall	264½p (+10p)
Olive Holdings	85p (+10p)
General Accident	554½p (+10p)
Bristol	315p (+50p)
Maxwell Comm	239p (+14p)
BAT	713½p (+13p)
Rothmans 'B'	857½p (+13p)

FALLS:

Sema Group	349p (–24p)
Rank Org	725p (–11p)
Morgan Crucible	255½p (–14p)
Ladbroke	280p (–10p)
P Bilton	420p (–10p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month Interbank 11 29/32-11⅞%
3-month eligible bills: 11 15/32-11⅝%
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 5¾%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.57-5.55%*
30-year bonds 97 8/32-97 2/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1 7905	£: $1.7880*
£: DM2.9982	$: DM1.6753*
£: SwFr2.5399	$: SwFr1.4235*
£: FFr10 1083	$: FFr5.6560*
£: Yen240 65	$: Yen134.48*
£: Index 93 3	$: Index:84.3
ECU £0.689353	SDR £0.761697
£: ECU1.450635	£: SDR1.312857

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $360.60 pm $360.10
close $359.60-360.10 (£200.10-200.60)
New York:
Comex $361.55-362 05*

NORTH SEA

Brent (May) ..... $20.20 bbl ($20.05)
* Denotes latest trading price

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 131 4 March (1987=100)

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London hailed as Europe's financial centre

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major, at his most managerial, and President Mitterrand, at his most statesmanlike, opened the first bank that Europe can call its own before the world's banking glitterati yesterday.

Setting out his wares like any good mortgage manager, Mr Major explained why sensible, down to earth London — "Europe's greatest financial centre" — was chosen as the headquarters of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which opened under Jacques Attali, the president, who was a former adviser to the French leader.

With 500 banks already, said Mr Major, the capital provided a natural home: "London is repository to the skills which eastern Europe will need when building its financial and industrial systems." And lest anyone should forget that Thatcherism had been the inspiration for many in his audience, he reminded them, and his French friends too, that: "Our partners in the eastern part of our Continent are engaged in a noble enterprise to liberate the spirit of private economic initiative.

"They have seen the success of our part of the Continent. They have measured it against their own experience. They have realised that economic success depends on a thriving private sector."

Mere Thatcherism, mere francs, pounds and dollars were scarcely the issue for the new bank's governor and his president.

For them, the new bank was far more than that — an underpinning for all the glorious virtues that the thriving economic democracies of Europe can muster. It is, said the French president, "the first institution of the new Europe ... it is democratic institutions that are still fragile and they would be the ones most threatened. It is one reason for the creation of this bank".

For M Attali, the bank's uniqueness lay in a triple first that the new bank could claim as the first new institution of the post Cold War period; the first institution of a united Europe and the first such institution of the new world order.

Its unique European appeal lay in the fact that all European countries will, in theory, be equal before its board.

M Attali described the bank's role to some 30 national leaders and an impressive line up of European, Japanese bankers and industrialists: "It will advise the countries of Central and Eastern Europe on the establishment of the political and economic institutions required to be integrated into the world economy.

"It will help them to strengthen democratic political life and to promote freedom of the press and respect for human rights; it will finance basic infrastructures and the conversion of their military-industrial complexes and it will create among them the instruments of a market economy that are needed in order to develop a competitive private sector that will respect both the environment and social justice."

But the bank has not been wholly a creation of the Europeans in the western half of the Continent: the new logo was created by a New Zealander in a competition which was judged by Vaclav Havel, President of the Czech and Slovak Republic, and Issey Miyake, the Japanese designer, among others.

Bret de Thier, the winner, from the Elam School of Fine Arts at Auckland University in New Zealand, was in London to receive a £5,700 prize for his logo of two white circles interlinked on a blue background.

Almost 700 entries from 22 countries were submitted for the new institution.

Welcome: President Vaclav Havel of Czechoslovakia with Lynda Chalker, overseas development minister, yesterday

City markets will benefit from development bank

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

THE City of London is expected to be one of the first beneficiaries of the European Bank, as much of its capital needs will be channelled through the London markets.

Jacques Attali, the former adviser to President Mitterrand, was yesterday officially elected head of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The bank's board of governors, which will meet this week, is expected to sanction a lending portfolio amounting to Ecu5.5 billion and an equity portfolio of Ecu600 million over the next five years. But the real flow of funding from the City is likely to exceed this amount several times over since it is the bank's policy to finance only a small proportion of any project.

The board of governors will also sanction the European bank's first project this week. Top of the list will be the establishment of the first Polish privatisation fund and smaller projects relating to the infrastructural development of eastern Europe.

The bank's total capital will be ecu10 billion of which 30 per cent will be initially available. However, European Bank officials confirm the desolate state of the eastern European economies will mean the ecu5.5 billion in loans earmarked for the first five years will not be divided evenly over the years. This year will only see a relatively small amount of investments raising "exponentially to the full value," according to one official.

It is expected that the bulk of investment activities will take place from the mid-Nineties onwards. Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, who was also present at the meeting, said the efforts to strengthen eastern Europe needed to be stepped up.

He said that the capital for the European Bank was "not enough." "We must add to the resources of this bank, as well as the IMF and the World Bank," he said, emphasizing that a successful co-operation between the various institutions is a necessary requirement.

He added "the bank should be a bank first", which contrasts with M Attali's comments, according to which the mandate is both political and economic.

M Delors added that eastern European countries should not attempt to join the European Community for at least two years. He also reconfirmed his view that eastern Europe should not be a stumbling block for further integration within the European Community.

Brady appeals for stronger growth

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

NICHOLAS Brady, the American treasury secretary, issued a strong appeal to Europe to pursue strong low-inflationary growth, arguing that this was what the world economy currently needed most of all.

Addressing a special session of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, he said the policy coordination process between the leading industrial economies remained the most effective tool to meet this challenge.

However, he also said the industrial nations had to accept the challenge of strengthening the global trading system by making a success of the Uruguay round of talks on freer world trade. Although restarted after a breakdown in December, the talks promise to make little progress before key political decisions on both sides of the Atlantic.

Mr Brady said the round, held in the framework of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, was "too important for all of us not to receive the political support it deserves."

He was speaking after an informal meeting on Sunday evening of finance ministers of the Group of Seven countries, hosted by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor.

Brady: challenge

Mr Brady said national policies in a highly integrated global economic system increasingly had international implications, and vice-versa, increasingly making the world a place for shared responsibility. He cited the international response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait as a demonstration of how a common cause can advanced shared interests.

Germany's high clean-up bill

By OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE cost of cleaning up the environment and modernising industry in eastern Germany will be about DM211 billion over the current decade, according to a leading German economic research institute.

As part of unified Germany, the eastern *Länder*, do not qualify for funds from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, but the figures show the scale of the problems throughout the rest of eastern Europe.

The Germans' alarming estimate was published as the Bonn government's council of economic advisers, the so-called "wise men", reported that they could find no sign of the former East Germany recovering from its present slump, nor any halt to the rise in unemployment there.

This contrasted with comments by Chancellor Helmut Kohl that suggested the positive developments can already be seen in eastern Germany, despite the gloom.

The Ifo institute, of Munich, said government and industry in the western regional states would have to make significant contributions, if the five eastern *Länder* were to be brought up to western standards. Modernising eastern Germany's power plants alone will cost up to DM25 billion, with almost as much again needed to build new ones.

The costly clean-up of eastern Germany would, however, provide a big boost in demand for products from firms in western Germany that have specialised in environmental protection equipment.

The wise men's report said that the continued fall in orders placed with eastern German firms, reflecting the collapsed market of other Soviet bloc economies, meant no recovery could be anticipated in the months ahead.

Shares finish close to all-time high

By MICHAEL CLARK, STOCK MARKET CORRESPONDENT

ANOTHER burst of investor enthusiasm carried share prices to within a whisker of their all-time trading high before falling back before the close.

The FT-SE 100 index was up more than 25 points at one stage, 0.6 point shy of its best-ever level, but prices boiled over to finish 16.7 up on the session at 2,542.8, just 3.5 below the closing high reached earlier this month.

Dealers said the London market had taken its lead from Friday's better-than-expected performance on Wall Street. However, the market was thin. By the close of business, less than 400 million shares had changed hands, down on recent average levels.

Government securities failed to make headway, having already discounted last week's cut in base rates. Prices at the longer end closed with falls stretching to £¼.

There was continued speculation that the Bundesbank could nudge up German interest rates when the bank's policy-setting council meets on Thursday. This, combined with market hopes of a cut in American interest rates, sent the dollar into steep retreat, slumping nearly a pfennig and a half to DM1.6705.

But the pound held firm. After peaking at around DM3.0010, sterling closed over half a pfennig higher at DM2.9982. It jumped nearly half a cent against the dollar to $1.7905, boosting the trade-weighted index 0.3 to 93.3.

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Morgan Crucible calls for £96.1m

By MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR

MORGAN Crucible, the electrical carbon and refractories group, led a £128 million raid on shareholders' pockets yesterday, with a £96.1 million call for fresh funds.

Bruce Farmer, the managing director, said the money being sought through a one-for-four rights issue at 218p a share will fund acquisitions.

Farmer: acquisitions

Allied Leisure, the tenpin bowling company, is also seeking cash with a one-for-one call for £16.1 million, while Airtours, the holiday group, launched a £15.9 million placing and open offer.

Morgan Crucible's cash call, its second in 12 months, was accompanied by preliminary results for last year, showing pre-tax profits up 10 per cent, from £54.5 million to £60.0 million. Earnings eased from 25.8p to 24.7p a share, but the final dividend rises to 6.75p a share, making 12.4p (11.66p) for the year, after adjusting for the rights issue.

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A warning from SIB's Mr X

By ANGELA MACKAY

WHEN it comes to financial advice, be suspicious of everyone, is the advice according to the Securities and Investments Board — whose investigator yesterday preferred to remain incognito.

The message was familiar: Do not trust men who are well dressed, drive a smart car, own a nice house with manicured lawns and have the ability "to charm ducks out of the water".

Tony, the unsurnamed investigator from the Securities and Investments Board, read the riot act yesterday to gullible investors who hand their savings to unscrupulous, unauthorised investment managers.

One fraudster promised a preposterous 30 per cent return over a nine-month period while another, who has since been convicted and sent to prison for six years, went door to door conveniently carrying withdrawal slips from every building society in Bristol to save pensioners the trouble of going to get the money themselves.

Tony, who was not permitted to give his full name, presumably to stop the crooked investment community from identifying him instantly, made his warning as part of the SIB's contribution to Crime Prevention Week.

Jeff Thomas, deputy director of the enforcement division, said the SIB was trying to prevent breaches of the Financial Services Act by asking would-be investors to call the SIB helpline to check that the firm they select to manage funds is on the SIB's central register.

Six hundred cases of possible unauthorised investment business have been reported to the regulator over the past three years and wrongdoing was apparent in about half of them. So far, 100 investors have lost a combined sum of between £5 million and £10 million spread among some 20 cases. Charges relating to the loss of about £1 million have been laid in two more SIB cases, while another case has just started involving the alleged theft of just more than £1 million.

Authorised investment businesses can also defraud, but of the SIB's 29,000 firms listed on the register, Mr Thomas said there had only been about six instances of fraud. To help investors recognise dishonest money managers, the SIB has produced an illuminating 15-page booklet: *How to spot the Investment Cowboys*.

Watch out, the SIB suggests, for advisors who have an expensive lifestyle that is out of proportion with his or her business. Beware if he is plausible and charming and gives few details about what he will do with your money, but be equally on your guard if he is determined and is trying to bully the cash out of you.

Even "the godfather of your youngest child" may be suspect, the SIB says. You have been warned.

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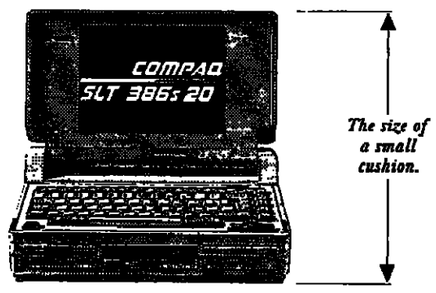

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Wakeham rules out British Gas break-up

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

JOHN Wakeham, the energy secretary, has ruled out any break-up of British Gas or changes in its supervision despite a showdown over prices between the company and the Office of Gas Supply (Ofgas).

Mr Wakeham insisted yesterday that competition in gas supply was increasing, and that supplies were plentiful, at least in the medium term.

In a speech in London, Mr Wakeham went out of his way to address fears that a shortfall in gas availability or rising prices would stifle construction of gas-fired power plants, which are widely perceived to offer the best prospects of improved competition in electricity generation.

"There is growing evidence that a combination of market forces and regulation is working within the gas sector, and no fundamental change of regime seems presently called for," he said.

Referring to a headline in *The Times*, which drew attention to the uncertainties triggered by the British Gas price rise, Mr Wakeham insisted that an "encouraging number" of new and potential power generators were being attracted to the market.

Mr Wakeham said he hoped for "an acceptable conclusion" to talks between two would-be generating companies and British Gas over availability of supplies.

British Gas has appealed in the High Court against enforcement orders issued by Ofgas, the regulator, which seek to compel British Gas to sell the companies fuel at pre-increase prices.

However, British Gas yesterday confirmed that talks are continuing with Ofgas, and Thames Power, which wants to build a £550 million combined-cycle gas-fired power station at Barking, Essex. Similar discussions are underway with Mobil and Eastern Electricity, which plan a similar £200 million joint venture power station at Coryton, Essex.

The enforcement notices were issued after British Gas raised prices of supplies to new power station customers by 35 per cent with effect from March 1 to reduce demand. The company gave a warning of a squeeze on its supplies until 1995.

Mr Wakeham added that competition to provide gas supplies, especially to bulk users, had increased sharply. In the year to June 1990, 30 per cent of new gas had been contracted to non-British Gas customers.

He said British Gas had since agreed to forfeit supplies to four competitors in exchange for more volumes in the future to hasten development of competition in the industrial market and he expected more similar deals.

Mr Wakeham added: "Whatever the apparent gas supply difficulties for independent generators in the short-term, I don't believe that they will present any insuperable problems for the future development of the market."

Russell mines £3.66m

AN EXCEPTIONAL gain of £1.05 million from land sales boosted profits at Alexander Russell, the Glasgow quarrying, concrete and coal group.

Pre-tax profits were £3.06 million in the year to end-December, against £2.11 million in the comparative nine month period, after last year's change of year-end. Turnover stood at £38.8 million (£32.7 million).

Quarrying accounts for nearly half of the group's turnover and contributed £3.1 million to trading profits. The coal operations made a £125,000 trading loss.

Earnings per share rise to 8.11p (4.31p), with fully diluted earnings ahead to 7.76p (4.38p). The final dividend is improved to 1.15p (1.07p), making 2.15p (1.61p) for the year. There was an extraordinary charge of £1.14 million relating to the running down of American operations and premature closure of a British coal site.

A surplus of £1.7 million, resulting from a revaluation of coal minerals, has been set aside to reserves.

Proudfoot sells subsidiaries

Alexander Proudfoot, the management consultancy and training group, has disposed of three subsidiaries to Matahari 388, a new company backed by a syndicate of institutional investors led by Foreign & Colonial Ventures, for a total of up to £5.5 million.

Proudfoot has sold Business Advisory Services, Business Advisory Services (Northern) and BAS (Microfilm) subsidiaries for up to £4.55 million, with an additional £955,000 for their properties. The BAS companies, which offer debt-collection and in-house legal recovery services, along with management training and consultancy, made pre-tax profits of £776,000 during 1990, on turnover of £2.7 million.

Brent Walker appointment

Nicholas Ward, former chairman and chief executive of Macarthy, the pharmaceutical group, has been appointed group managing director of Brent Walker, the leisure and property company. He will report to George Walker, the chief executive.

In a separate announcement, Brent Walker confirmed that it has reached a conditional agreement with Power Corporation to swap its 50 per cent in London's Trocadero centre for a 100 per cent interest in an adjacent island site of properties. The agreement has to be approved by Brent Walker's bankers.

EFG plea

EFG, the USM home and leisure products group, has urged shareholders to reject an extraordinary meeting resolution that calls for the removal from the board of Alan Joynes, the chief executive.

Treuhand post

The German *Treuhand* privatisation agency has appointed Hero Brahms, a board member of Hoesch, as vice-president of the management board.

DEB JENSON

What everyone wants: Philip Green yesterday with interim profits of £5.52 million

Amber Day jumps 320%

By Jonathan Prynn

AMBER Day Holdings, the menswear and discount retail group, has exceeded the interim profits estimate it issued in February by turning in pre-tax profits of £5.52 million for the six months to January 26.

This compares with the £4.5 million that was estimated when a 17 per cent stake in the company was placed by the founders of What Everyone Wants (WEW), the Scottish and north of England discount store acquired by Amber Day for £47 million last May. The figure is 320 per cent up on the £1.31 million made in the previous first half, and exceeds the £3.02 million for the whole of last year.

Earnings per share rose 84 per cent from 2.1p to 3.86p, while turnover increased more than five fold to £55.4 million. A 0.9p interim dividend compares with 0.7p.

Philip Green, the chairman of Amber Day, said that WEW, which made its first full six-month contribution, had proved "highly profitable and resilient" during the recession. Management efforts to improve gross margins, markdowns and shrinkage had resulted in the net operating margins improving from 8.3 per cent to 15 per cent. WEW had seen a strong start to the second half, with turnover up 15 per cent and like-for-like sales 6 per cent ahead during the first ten weeks.

Several new WEW stores had opened during the period, and all were trading "extremely well", he added. Further stores are planned to open during the current half year.

The menswear businesses had a difficult, though profitable, half year because of the slump in demand in the south of England. Trading is still flat, but an uplift is hoped for in the second half, Mr Green said. The import division increased turnover and profitability during the period.

Rea boosts profits despite bad debts

By Our City Staff

REA Brothers, the mini merchant bank, increased its pre-tax profits by 4 per cent last year to £1.61 million, despite a £480,000 bad debt provision. Roger Parsons, the managing director, said the bank suffered most of the bad debts on an £11 million property lending portfolio.

The offshore banking business in Guernsey continued to supply the bulk of profits and to subsidise Rea's London reorganisation, involving a further reduction in employee numbers. There was also a £945,000 exceptional gain on the wind-up of the group's pension fund, after a £348,000 contribution last year.

Mr Parsons said revenue had risen after the appointment of a corporate finance team, in January, who took part in three public transactions last month, including a £10 million placing for Cresta. The bank has also increased its investment management business.

The final dividend is held at 0.25p, making an unchanged 0.5p for the year.

Two more firms join queue for cash

By Our City Staff

TWO more companies have joined the queue to seek cash from their shareholders.

Airtours, the package holiday operator, is raising £15.9 million, through a placing and open offer, while Allied Leisure, the USM-quoted tenpin bowling and nightclub group, is to raise £16.13 million, through a one-for-one rights issue, and is graduating to the main market.

The Airtours issue will allow it to stay within its bonding ratios when picking up business released by the International Leisure Group collapse. The shares, which are being placed by British Linen Bank at 320p, rose 11p after the announcement to close at 357p.

Hugh Collinson, the managing director of Airtours, said the company expected to pick up about 200,000 of ILG's 1.5 million passengers this year. The company is cash generative and is ungeared but needs to increase its capital base if it is to remain comfortably within the industry's bonding ratios.

Airtours also issued an estimate of pre-tax losses of not more than £4 million, for the half year to end-March, compared with an £8 million loss for the same period in the previous year. However, the company also suffered costs of £2.5 million on top of this, relating to the start up of Airtours International Aviation, its new charter airline. Under the placing, shareholders can subscribe for three new shares for every 10 held.

The funds raised by Allied Leisure will be used to reduce the company's borrowings, which have been used to fund its £15.4 million of capital investment since the year end. After the rights issue, the company will have net debt of £6.7 million, giving a gearing of 22 per cent. The shares fell 5p to 104p compared with a 97p issue price.

Allied is also proposing, "in the absence of unforeseen circumstances", to pay a final dividend of 3.25p, making a total of 4.75p for the year to end-June, a 22 per cent improvement on last year. Richard Carr, the chairman, said: "Now the Gulf war is over and the economic outlook brighter, we are quietly confident about the group's prospects and of a satisfactory result for the full year."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Carlton awaits court approval for US deal

CARLTON Communications, the broadcasting and television facilities group, has signed a letter of intent to acquire Chyron Corporation, a New York manufacturer of electronic editing systems and character generators.

Chyron filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy last September, after its two main banks failed to agree on provision of new finance. Carlton's agreement is to buy most of Chyron's assets but only certain liabilites. The acquisition requires the approval of the New York court that will be hearing the pending chapter 11 case. If given the go-ahead, Carlton will pay $23 million for Chyron's assets, excluding $9 million of cash and $3-5 million of accounts receivable before the petition for bankruptcy. Carlton has agreed to take up to 90 per cent of post-petition receivables, potentially increasing its outlay to $30 million. In the year to end-June, Chyron had sales of $33.8 million.

Italian buy at Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE Chemicals, the dyes, tanning materials and speciality chemicals manufacturer, is expanding its leather activities through an Italian acquisition. Yorkshire is paying 4.25 billion lire (£1.9 million) for OPCA of Robecchetto, Milan, which employs 15 people and produces quality finishing products for the Italian leather industry.

Payout held by S Lyles

S LYLES, the Dewsbury yarn spinner and dyer, lifted pre-tax profits to £316,000 (£301,000) in the six months to end-December, but turnover fell to £8.58 million (£9.82 million). The home market turnover fell to £4.82 million (£5.42 million). Earnings rose from 2.51p to 2.64p a share, but the interim dividend stays at 1.5p. The shares gained 1p to 57p.

McInerney sells stake

McINERNEY Properties, the Dublin construction and property group, is to sell its 85 per cent shareholding in McInerney Contracting for Ir£4 million (£3.6 million) to a group of investors led by Ged Pierse, Contracting's managing director, who owns the remaining 15 per cent of the group.

Sean Cannon, group chief executive of McInerney, said: "Disposal of contracting significantly improves liquidity." Contracting reported pre-tax profits of Ir£2.6 million in 1989 and had net assets of Ir£1.4 million at the end of that year.

Profits halved at Headlam

AN attempted management coup and abortive reverse takeover last year cost Headlam Group, the footwear and fabrics maker, £210,000. The charge was an extraordinary item in preliminary results for the year ended in December. Pre-tax profits fell to £458,000 from £936,000. The final dividend is kept at 1.65p, making an unchanged 2.4p.

Brierley to cut holding

BRIERLEY Investments said it will reduce its holding in GPG, the former Guinness Peat Group, from 63 per cent to 40 per cent in order for GPG's shares to be relisted. GPG plans to repay a preference share issue, make a 10p per share capital repayment to shareholders and buy several investments from Brierley, subject to shareholder approval.

Net assets fall at Asda

NET assets at Asda Property Holdings, the group headed by Manny Davidson, fell from 197p to 144p a share last year, as the values of the company's commercial and residential portfolios slipped about 13 per cent.

Pre-tax profits slumped from £5.3 million to £1.4 million as the interest charge rose to £13.8 million and the company was forced to make provisions against its trading portfolio. Net rental income from the commercial portfolio increased 39 per cent to £10.2 million. The final dividend rises to 1.25p (1.15p), making a total of 1.85p (1.75p) for the year.

Turriff slumps into loss and ends housebuilding

Dividend held: Astley Whittall, chairman, (left) with John Wyatt, the chief executive of Turriff

By Matthew Bond

TURRIFF, the plant hire and construction group, has reported total losses of £3.1 million for the year to December. Two months ago the company gave a warning of the losses and of its intention not to pay a final dividend.

Suitably forewarned, the market marked up the shares 14p to 82p, expressing relief the results were not accompanied by a rights issue.

Astley Whittall, chairman, said: "The sectors in which we operate were all affected very significantly by the recession and the outcome was a very disappointing result for the year, despite the encouraging start in the first half." With no final dividend (10.75p), the 4.25p interim payout becomes the total (15p).

At the pre-tax level, Turriff tumbled from a profit of £5.8 million in 1989 to a loss of £933,000 after provisions totalling £2.1 million.

Turriff is to withdraw from housebuilding at a cost of £926,000, while a loss-making trench-digging business is to be closed at a cost of £800,000. The Staffwise employment agency has been sold back to its management. Staffwise was acquired only a year ago for a minimum of £1.6 million.

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Diners Club flies high with British Airways

Chargecard for travellers

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

DINERS Club International, Citicorp's chargecard subsidiary, and British Airways have teamed up to produce a new corporate card for business travellers.

As part of the deal, British Airways is abandoning Airplus, the chargecard consortium operated by European airlines.

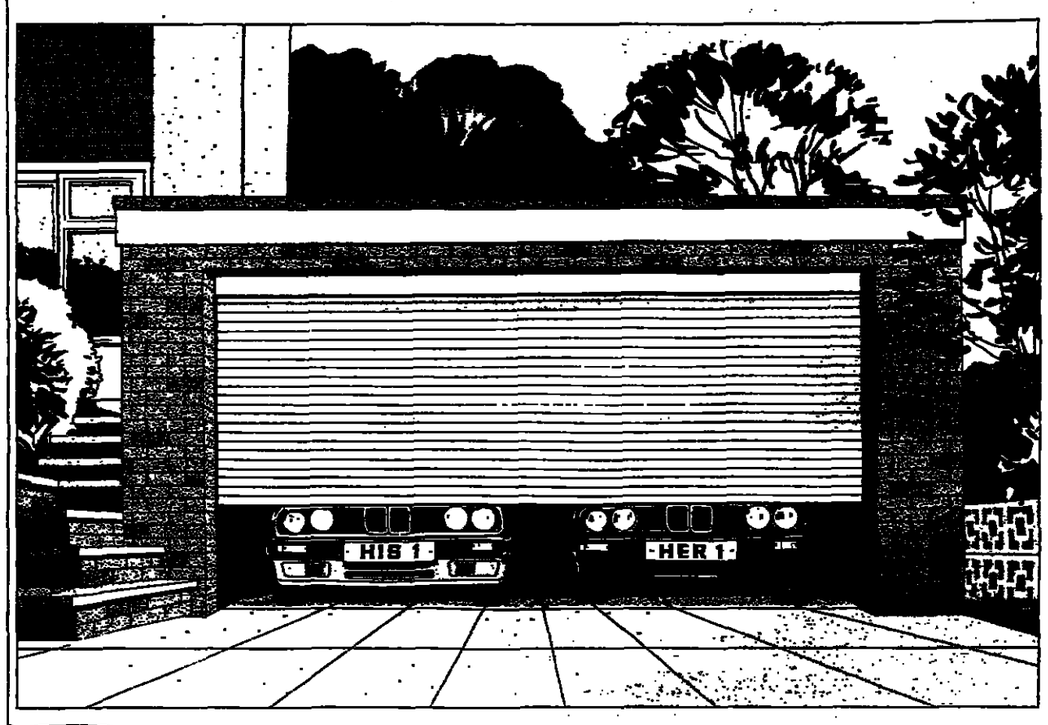
Diners expects to take over British Airways's 60,000 Airplus customers to add to its existing 300,000 cardholders in Britain. It is planning to target the card, which caries both Diners and British Airways logos, at the 400,000 business travellers in Britain who make more than six flights a year.

Diners will manage the cards and take all the profits, while British Airways hopes the card will increase share of the business travel market. Diners expects to have signed up between 100,000 and 250,000 cardholders by 1994.

The card has a range of new services to boost Diners' position in the corporate chargecard market. These include automatic ticketing and check-in on British Airways flights and use of Diners' and British Airways' executive lounges at airports. Diners also plans to introduce in-flight foreign exchange services for cardholders.

This is one of several innovations Diners is introducing to improve its chargecard's appeal.

The company now wants to introduce a line of credit on its cards, which would allow holders to borrow up to £10,000 anywhere in the world, similar to the service that is provided by the American Express gold card.



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Anatomy of a general accident

COMMENT

Someone out there may have successfully acquired a financial company in the past five years. If so, he is keeping it quiet.

General Accident's decision to throw in the towel in its long struggle to turn round NZI bank adds another sorry chapter to the long catalogue of disastrous banking and insurance takeovers.

The Scottish insurer spent an estimated £450 million buying and capitalising NZI Corporation in the past three years. Once it has broken up and closed down the bank, it will be left with an insurance business worth perhaps half that figure. GA's real loss is likely to have been even greater, since it has charged some of NZI' reorganisation costs straight to reserves.

After such damage it is bizarre that GA says it never wanted a bank in the first place. The company was attracted to NZI Corp's insurance businesses in the Far East. The bank, it reasoned, was a necessary evil that it would sell once the deal with Sir Ron Brierley was complete. GA never imagined how evil the bank really was.

Only five months after its acquisition, NZI turned in a six-monthly loss of NZ$180 million (£64 million). A rights issue was planned hastily to prop up the bank's capital. This was shelved as the losses worsened and GA was instead forced to lend the bank NZ$100 million.

To its credit, GA addressed the situation with the urgency it deserved. The company bought in the minority stake in NZI and replaced the management. Barry Holder, the general manager in charge of finance, was dispatched to strip the bank's loan book down to essentials. The final result was a net profit of NZ$7.8 million last year, from a NZ$250 million loss in 1989.

While heartening, the bank had still returned a mere 4 per cent on capital and GA's management saw further improvement as unlikely. GA had achieved this profitability by dismantling NZI's loan book. Profits could not be increased without expanding the lending book once more, and NZI could not manage that without exposing itself to unacceptable bad debt risks. GA had, in effect, painted itself into a corner.

On a new tack, GA had hoped to sell the bank. These days they are changing hands down under for less than net assets. The insurer's answer is to break the bank up, in the same way as it dismembered Arbuthnot Latham, the City bank, last year.

The fixed assets and the loan book will be sold in several lots, although GA may be left carrying the most problematic loans which could expose it to further bad debts.

The NZI affair has been accompanied with an internal reshuffle at GA. Ian Menzies, the general manager who masterminded the acquisition as well as GA's other loss-making diversification into estate agency, resigned from the board at the end of last year. The remaining board would do well to reflect on the lesson learned, and on General Accident's once-untarnished reputation for Scottish prudence.

EBRD launch

The danger with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, launched amid much pomp and circumstance in London yesterday, is that it might mean too many things to too many people.

Even though its constitutional framework is very closely defined, there is still not much agreement between the shareholders and its president over whether the Bank is a bank or in fact a political institution, which just happens to be a bank. The difference is crucial.

One of the shareholders' representatives, Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, in a rare agreement with America and Britain, left no doubts about his position. "The bank must act as a bank first," he said yesterday. Jacques Attali, the European Bank's president had rather grander views.

He called it the first institution of a united Europe, intended to create "what some call the common house and others the confederation".

M. Attali admits to not being a banker and he does not conceal his political ambitions. If the European Bank pursues political objectives however, it faces serious problems. There is already enough confusion over the coordination of eastern European policies and plenty of potential overlap between existing bodies operating in the field. Apart from the European Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the private sector oriented International Finance Corporation are all up and running in the the area of financial assistance. For the political framework there already exists the European Community and the Council of Europe.

The European Bank should not indulge in over-ambitious policy objectives but should instead draw attention to the more specific needs of eastern Europe: its public infrastructure, privatisation and the establishment of financial markets among others.

The reconstruction of eastern Germany was a large enough task for a country, let alone a single institution. It is success in the area of micro-economics by which the bank will eventually be judged.

By offering all things to all men, the European Bank runs the risk that its motives are misunderstood. The World Bank has suffered such suspicion in many third world countries. The EBRD needs no such handicap.

Prince aims to talk business in Brazil

THE Prince of Wales is taking his global campaign for business to assume a more responsible role in the community to Brazil, a country racked by battles with hyperinflation, environmental disaster, and notorious slums.

The challenge, enshrined in a request for Brazilian companies to devote more energy to good causes while their profits are tumbling and many are going out of business, is no small one. However, the Prince believes that community interest equates with self interest in Brazil as elsewhere.

The visit by Prince Charles to Brazil, from next Monday to Saturday, will involve two days of meetings with business leaders. His only planned public speech, in São Paulo on the Wednesday, will focus on the role of business in the community.

The Prince has already found a willing recruit to his cause in Ricardo Semler, the celebrated *enfant terrible* of Brazilian business.

Senhor Semler, aged 30, has overseen an extraordinary democratisation of Semco, the engineering company he took over from his father, and has been elected Brazil's businessman of the year. He has also written a best seller, *Turning the Tables*, designed to encourage other companies to follow his example.

Helped by José Mindlin, a business associate and president of Metal Leve, the vehicle components group, Senhor Semler has taken on the task of recruiting 100 of Brazil's most prominent businessmen for a series of soul-searching sessions at the Prince's behest.

About 20 of them have also agreed to share their executive jets with community project leaders for a flight to the mouth of the Amazon, where they will spend a day discussing Brazil's problems aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia.

Some initiatives by national and international companies operating in Brazil that might serve as a model for others have been identified by the Prince's advisers. But it is clear from their research that many of the difficulties faced by Brazil are simply universal problems writ large.

The success of Prince Charles in redirecting official visits to promote the goals of Business in the Community International, his charity, is striking.

His campaign began in Charleston, America, in February last year and has continued round the globe ever since. Last year, he recruited Hungarian and Japanese businessmen to his Business Leaders Forum during visits to their countries.

This February, Indian businessmen held a day-long seminar under the forum's banner even though Prince Charles's visit was postponed because of the Gulf war. Czechoslovak business and community leaders will be exposed to the aims of the forum when Prince Charles goes to Prague next month.

The forum seeks to adapt its message to local conditions and persuade business and community leaders to draw on their own experience to further the forum's aims.

In essence, the forum seeks to propagate the view that companies must behave responsibly towards all their "stakeholders" — shareholders, employees, customers and the communities in which they operate — if they are to prosper. It is a view that could scarcely be more apposite in Brazil, where the gap between rich and poor is one of the widest in the world.

Prince Charles's visit is also timely. A series of market-opening reforms, combined with astronomic interest rates initiated by President Fernando Collor de Mello in an effort to cure chronic hyperinflation, have forced Brazilian companies to re-examine the way they do business.

Field work by four of the forum's staff in preparation for the visit has shown that provision of housing and schools by Brazilian companies for their workers has often served to deepen the dependence of communities on companies. Yet the fruits of economic prosperity have been thinly spread and it has often been left to the church to attend to the plight of the poor.

ROSS TIEMAN
Industrial Correspondent

Morgan returns for more

TEMPUS

FOR the second time in less than a year, Morgan Crucible is asking shareholders for cash to finance its acquisition programme.

The company evidently believes the opportunity of availing itself of some of the bargain basement deals available in the current climate is worth the risk of saturating the market with its paper.

Yet it has hardly covered itself in glory since last June's £79 million fund-raising.

Although profits for 1990 have emerged 10 per cent higher at the pre-tax level, at £60 million, they are well short of earlier expectations, based on the company's well-trumpeted claim to a stabilising international spread of activities — 82 per cent of profits are earned outside the United Kingdom — and earnings per share have been trimmed from 25.8p to 24.7p.

The £96 million of new cash will not make much of a dent in the group's 60 per cent gearing figure, since the bulk of the cash has already been earmarked for a string of acquisitions, but interest cover remains at a healthy 5.7.

In the ten months since the last rights issue, Morgan Crucible's share price has slipped from last June's ex-rights level of 290p to the 270p ruling before yesterday's latest cash call.

This one-for-four call suggests a notional ex-rights price of 252p, still 4p below the market price last night.

Given that Morgan will do well to make £65 million in the current year, to produce earnings of 20.5p on the enlarged capital, the earnings multiple emerges at 12.3.

Holders should take up the rights, but the shares look high enough for the present.

Hunting

LIKE other defence companies, Hunting has learned that the Gulf war dividend will not be nearly as generous as hoped.

The company was awash with free publicity at the height of the war. The JP233 runway bomb played a leading role in the air attacks against Iraq. The publicity, however, did not transform the company's figures. Pre-tax profits last year fell a fifth to £38.5 million on a 3 per cent rise in sales to £771 million.

In the defence division, profits fell 26 per cent to £15.7 million, including an estimated £2 million in redundancy costs for shedding 500 jobs.

Defence profits are likely to continue falling this year. The RAF has no plans to replenish its stock of JP233s, and a large Saudi Arabian order was recently completed. Sales of the LAW80 anti-tank weapon and the multi-launch rocket system continue but future profits depend heavily on a few prospective customers. Prospects in the aviation and the oil and technology divisions are better, but both are bearing the cost of recent American expansion.

The poor prospects are reflected in Hunting's share price. At 177p, the shares stand on a prospective p/e ratio of nine if the company makes £32.5 million this year. The yield on the 10p dividend is an attractive 7.5 per cent, but the recovery in 1992 may be sluggish.

Turriff

QUITE why shares in Turriff, the construction and plant hire group, celebrated last year's total losses of £3.1 million by rising 14p to 82p is not immediately obvious. The best explanation, perhaps, was relief that the results were not accompanied by a right issue.

That relief may be short lived. Turriff is in urgent need of new capital, finishing last year with bank borrowings of £5.4 million, giving a gearing level of 61 per cent. Since then bank borrowings have risen to £9 million. Add £4.3 million of guarantees made to joint venture companies and borrowings rise to £13.3 million, and gearing to 151 per cent. Add in £3.6 million of hire purchase contracts and you have a worrying level of debt for a small company facing difficult trading conditions.

In the year to end-December the company made a pre-tax loss of £933,000 and January's interim dividend of 4.25p has become the total pay-out for the year.

The subsequent restructuring and de-gearing exercise has seen the demise of house building and trench digging and the disposal of the first of Turriff's staff placement businesses. With the two others likely to follow, Turriff's future lies with construction and plant hire.

A commendable strategy apart from the fact that construction orders and margins are still falling and the company has no money to invest in new plant. Avoid.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Family break from City

PETER Quinnen, chief executive of James Capel until he left a year ago to pursue other interests, has more influence in the City than he might have thought. His younger brother, Nigel, who is used to being called "Peter" by mistake, has swapped the streets of the City for the wilds of Gloucestershire, where he has been made director of UK equities at Laurentian. Nigel, who has two rugby blues from Oxford and qualified as a chartered accountant with Coopers & Lybrand — since renamed Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte — joins from Lazards, where he had held a similar role since 1985. "Peter is the real reason I left," says Nigel, aged 37, who says he is mistaken for his high-profile brother at every turn. "I even had someone once phone me internally and ask for Peter Quinnen. It was too much." He ran the Schroder recovery fund during a spell with J Henry Schroder Wagg and is now working closely with John Sherriff, investment director at Laurentian, who is remembered for tackling a bank robber on a trip to London last year. With his elder brother busy setting up a stockbroking boutique with John Holmes, former head of Morgan Grenfell Securities, Nigel hopes to recruit "two or three" people to help him with his task.

WAR is poised to break out among London hoteliers after the discovery of a loophole in value-added tax rules. It seems that hotels can refund some VAT to clients from outside the European Community, and have been able to do so for more than a year. The problem is that hardly anyone spotted the loophole — or if they did, decided to ignore it. The Sheraton Park Tower in Knightsbridge did spot the hole and has refunded thousands of pounds to corporate clients in America and Australia. Others will follow suit . . .

Mining cycle

ONLY a brave man would cycle 4,000 metres up the Andes through heat, cold and rain. However, Charles Zorab, a salesman on the mining desk at Smith New Court, has done just that. Zorab, aged 39, left Antofagasta on the coast of Chile early in March and spent the next two weeks battling along rain-scarred roads to La Paz, Bolivia, the highest capital in the world. "There were punctures galore and the dirt tracks were absolutely awful," says a jubilant Zorab, who slept in disused railway buildings on his journey — courtesy of Antofagasta, the mining company, which also runs the railway along the 750-mile route. "We had to climb about 4,000 metres and were fried to a cinder to begin with. Then it poured with rain." Zorab later spent a week visiting mining companies in Santiago, Chile, before flying home, considerably fitter than when he left. His efforts raised £7,500, to be divided between Helen House, a home for handicapped children in Oxford, and Hogar de Christo, a children's refuge in Santiago.

"But what happens when they all go ex-rights?"

FRUSTRATED stockbrokers who missed action in the Gulf are being given a second chance. For the princely sum of £3,000, enthusiasts can buy a trip to Poland for a flight in a 1,400 mph MIG jet fighter, complete with mock dogfights and similar thrills. The trips are being organised by George Pick Aerotours, based in Leicester.

Quieter trading

THERE is life after redundancy. Robert Owen, the polar bear-chasing Japanese equity trader who was laid off by Lehman Brothers in the autumn, has found a new job. Now fully recovered from his Arctic adventures — he spent 20 days pulling a sledge across the Northern ice cap earlier this year — Owen, aged 25, starts work again in the City tomorrow trading, as before, in Japanese equities. "The interviews were quite an experience," says Owen. "At least when they asked what I had done in the last few months I had something to talk about." An adventurer of the old school, Owen was in Papua New Guinea last year before his Arctic trip, and is now ready to take life easier. And the name of his new firm? Wako International, which, translated, means "peace and harmony" . . . .

In the hot suite

STOCKBROKERS who join the ranks of Britain's industrialists are often best-placed to comment on the ways of the City. Adrian Aylward, a former merchant banker with Hill Samuel and County NatWest, is no exception to that rule, having soared through the ranks of British business since he switched tracks in 1987. Aylward, aged 32, crowned his achievements yesterday, when he was made chief operating officer of Buckingham International, the hotel group. Despite the change, memories of the Square Mile during the Eighties live on. "There were tons of deals and I gained experience of lots of different types of companies," he says. "I mainly remember confusion and egos." Aylward was made finance director of Buckingham in 1988 but left to become chief executive of Royal Sovereign, staying on after it was acquired by Emess in January last year.

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STOCK MARKET

Water and power lead the way

INVESTOR demand for utility stocks appears insatiable with both the electricity and water companies attracting another surge of support.

Dealers now claim the wave of profit-taking, expected after their recent strong run, is likely to prove minimal and, in the case of the electricity companies, the best is yet to come. The moratorium on publishing circulars and making investment recommendations, placed on the six broking firms which brought the electricity companies to market, is being lifted.

Independent brokers and followers of the shares are now bracing themselves for a wave of investment advice which will carry the shares to new highs as stock shortages continue cause market-makers further trouble.

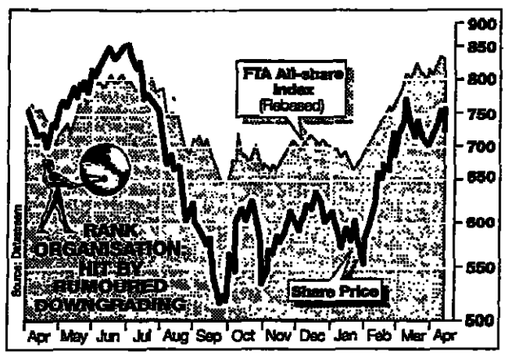
There were gains yesterday for **Eastern**, 3p to 189p, **East Midland**, 2p to 202p, **London**, 3p to 203p, **Manweb**, 1p to 236p, **Midland**, 3p to 196p, **Northern**, 1p to 206p, **Norweb**, 2p to 202p, **Seeboard**, 1p to 197p, **Southern**, 5p to 202p, and **Yorkshire**, 1p to 218p. The electricity package jumped £15 to £2,058.

Solid improvements were also among the water companies with **Anglian**, 3p to 304p, **Northumbrian**, 5p to 334p, **North West**, 3p to 307p, **Severn Trent**, 2p to 300p, **Southern**, 6p to 289p, **South West**, 5p to 303p, **Thames**, 6p to 321p, **Welsh**, 2½p to 336p and **Yorkshire**, 3p to 325p. The water package was £35 stronger at £3,138.

The rest of the equity market showed strong gains at the start of the new two-week trading account, although best levels were not always held. Dealers reported selective support from several of the large securities houses, including Warburg Securities. But conditions were thin with less than 400 million shares traded by the close. The FT-SE 100 index came within a whisker of its all-time high, touching 2,551.5, before closing 16.7 higher at 2,532.8. The FT index of 30 shares also added 6.1 at 2,003.6.

Kingfisher, the Woolworth stores group, firmed 2p to 499p as Kleinwort Benson urged clients to switch out of GUS 'A', 3p up at £12.38. Kleinwort altered its stance on Kingfisher from a hold to a buy last month claiming the group will be one of the first to benefit from an upturn in consumer spending.

The market managed to shake off another heavy list of companies going ex-dividend, equivalent to a 3.5 fall in the index. They included **BICC**, 7p cheaper at 443p, **General Accident**, 7p to 552p, **Fisons**, 3p to 476p, **Pearson**, 14p to 740p and **Ladbroke**, 10p to 280p.



Government securities had a dull session with prices at the longer end nursing falls of £¼.

Oil shares responded to a firmer crude price with **BP** 6p up at 355p, **Enterprise** 9p at 560p, **Great Western** 3p to 113p, **Lasmo** 11p to 364p and **Shell** 12p to 511p.

Rank Organisation fell 11p to 725p, for a two-day deficit of 28p, amid suggestions that the group is warning City analysts against pitching their profit forecasts for the current year too high. Claims that Panmure Gordon, the stockbroker, had reduced its profits forecast were quickly denied.

Trading at Rank remains difficult with the leisure sector hard hit by the recession. But analysts are still looking for a rise in pre-tax profits from £312 million to £323 million for the year to October.

Suggestions that Racal Electronics could become the target of a bid before its planned demerger is complete, lifted the shares 3p to 233p in spite of the appearance of several large sellers. County NatWest Woodmac placed 1 million shares at 227p and another line of 500,000 was also absorbed.

Hawker Siddeley enjoyed an early mark-up on the back of revived talks about a bid for the company. But after last week's rise of 36p, the speculation could not be sustained and the price finished 4p lower at 603p. **BTR**, 4p better at 408p, has been tipped as a possible suitor.

Shares of **Morgan Crucible**, the ceramics and lubricants group, fell 14p to 256p after becoming the latest company to turn to shareholders for extra funds. The group intends to raise £96.1 million, by way of a rights issue on the basis of one-for-four at 218p, and will use the proceeds to strengthen its equity base ready for acquisition opportunities. The group has also announced a 10 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £60 million.

On the USM, **Allied Leisure** is also raising £16.1 million in order to reduce gearing and finance development. It is arranging a rights issue on the basis of one-for-one at 97p. The shares responded with a fall of 5p to 104p.

The battle of words between **Tootal** and its unwanted suitor **Coats Viyella** intensified with the former again describing the £194 million bid as "a failed textile conglomerate strategy". Anthony Habgood, Tootal chief executive, argues that his group's own strategy and resources offer excellent prospects while remaining independent and claims Coats has failed to benefit from past acquisitions. Coats was unchanged at 149p, while Tootal held steady at 75p.

MICHAEL CLARK

US brokers see signs of revival

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

BROKERAGE houses on Wall Street are showing signs of bouncing back from their worst period for almost 20 years.

One leading investment bank and several brokers' firms have announced sharply higher profits for the first quarter, underwriting fees are beginning to edge up and the new issues market jumped by 45 per cent in the three months to the end of March.

Fuelling the rise has been an 11 per cent surge in the Dow Jones industrial average of 30 top American companies — a 300-point rise in the index since the start of the year. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 and the over-the-counter Nasdaq indexes have hit record levels. Perrin Long, securities analyst with First of Michigan Capital Corporation and a Wall Street watcher for more than 20 years, said: "What you're seeing is the result of a cut in costs [at the brokerage houses] and a surge in revenue."

Analysts are forecasting a total first quarter profit of the New York stock exchange firms of about $500 million. That follows a pre-tax loss of almost $200 million for last year, which was the worst since 1973.

First quarter profits from JP Morgan, the New York investment bank that is headed by Sir Dennis Weatherstone, were $273 million, 61 per cent higher than the final three months of 1990. However, compared with the first three months of 1990, they were 30 per cent down.

Prudential Securities, known as Prudential Bache in London, which produced $250 million of losses last year, was in the black by $64 million in the first quarter.

Meanwhile, Salomon Brothers, the large financial services firm, has been strengthening its corporate finance department.

According to Securities Data, the independent analyst, Salomon's underwriting ranking slipped from fourth to seventh so far this year as its market share of underwriting new share and bond issues fell from 9.1 per cent to 7.3 per cent, as the market expanded.

During the first quarter, 35 companies raised more than $2.7 billion when they made their debut on the stock market in the first quarter, up from $1.6 billion raised by 24 companies in the same period of last year.

And underwriting fees rose by a more modest 5.8 per cent to $625.9 million. The record was the fourth quarter of 1986 when bankers and brokers received fees of $1.5 billion.

But still absent from what the market sees as an encouragement for bulls are takeover bids and deals. Bankers say that apart from AT&T's $6 billion offer for NCR, there is little sign of life in the takeover market.

Professional investors are starting to voice caution that the market is overpriced and due for correction.

Gold price 'showing signs of rebound'

By COLIN CAMPBELL
MINING CORRESPONDENT

LONDON mining analysts, kicking over the traces of how metals and mining shares have been performing this year, note that only nickel rose in the first three months and some suggest that copper and aluminium still look vulnerable.

Enan Worthington, mining analyst at SG Warburg Securities, says that while equity markets discount an economic cycle by six to nine months, base metal prices can lag by six to nine months and mining company earnings may not show improvements until 1993.

Mining shares are for buying and selling, he says, and "now looks like a good opportunity to sell some of the outperformers".

The metal that fell most in the first quarter was lead, down by 29.4 per cent, followed by silver, which was 25 per cent down, and platinum, 21 per cent weaker.

Gold in the three months ended April was 9.1 per cent lower than the comparable average price of the first quarter of 1990.

Gold is currently bouncing along what could be a base, and investment in some of the high quality counters may prove rewarding, with the South African gold shares outperforming on a bounce in the gold price, Warburg suggests.

Smith New Court's mining team says gold shares are showing signs of recovery, but base metal prices, the traditional leading indicators of industrial demand, are still heading down.

Shares of the aluminium producers still look overvalued, SNC adds.

French Connection returns to black

By MICHAEL TATE
CITY EDITOR

MICHAEL Shen's restoration of French Connection continues with the fashion chain's return to profit in the year to January. Turnover was £56.7 million (£53.3 million), and the group edged into the black with a pre-tax profit of £57,000 (£4.67 million loss).

The improvement came despite losses of £410,000 in America and £710,000 in France. Mr Shen, the chief executive, said the group made a profit of £277,000 in the second half, against a loss of £220,000 in the first. He predicts further gains.

Bank borrowings fell to £4.6 million (£6.1 million), while the interest charge was cut to £2.24 million (£2.28 million). Shareholders' funds stood at £11.6 million, or 73.1p a share, at the year-end.

The final dividend stays at 1.8p, making an unchanged total of 2.7p for the year.

Profits growth: Michael Shen, the group chief executive of French Connection

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Finlay Packaging trims payout after going into the red

By PHILIP PANGALOS

DEEPENING losses at Olympic Containers have led Finlay Packaging, the Belfast colour printer and packaging group, to trim its dividend for the year after it dived into the red.

Finlay suffered a pre-tax loss of £576,000 (£270,000 profit) in the year to end-December. As a result, the company has cut its final dividend to 0.75p (3.25p), making a reduced total of 1.5p (4p) for the year. There was a 5.26p loss (2.02p earnings) per share. Turnover edged ahead to £11.2 million (£11 million).

Trading losses at Olympic, the Stockport spiral-wound container manufacturer acquired in 1988 for £2.7 million, extended from £176,000 to £844,000.

Finlay is running down operations at Olympic for closure early next month.

The company said that the decision was taken as a result of the continuing losses and "no possibility of recovery in what remain very difficult market conditions".

There was an extraordinary loss of £770,000, relating to a £650,000 provision against further losses and closure costs at Olympic, with costs arising from litigation against Olympic's vendors.

The company said that its legal action against the vendors of Olympic for "a substantial claim" for misrepresentation and under breaches of warranties, is unaffected by the closure of Olympic. Shares were unchanged at 31p.

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New York:	
Dow Jones	2920.54 (–0.25)*
S&P Composite	379.99 (–0.41)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	26895.53 (+113.03)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3714.37 (–27.63)
FT-SE Euro 100	1125.46 (+8.75)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	97.1 (+1.3)
Sydney: AO	1462.7 (+6.9)
Frankfurt: DAX	1601.42 (+18.28)
Brussels:	
General	5835.94 (+8.75)
Paris: CAC	487.89 (–0.17)
Zurich: SKA Gen	n/a
London:	
FT–A All-Share	1229.26 (+6.37)
FT–"500"	1353.92 (+7.30)
FT. Gold Mines	140.0 (–1.0)
FT. Fixed interest	94.75 (–0.02)
FT. Govt Secs	85.17 (–0.18)
Bargains	31604
SEAQ Volume	394.1m
USM (Datastream)	136.62 (–0.16)

*Denotes latest trading price

WALL STREET

Firm bond support lifts Dow

SHARES rose in early trading, helped by firm bond prices, before easing back slightly. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 12.63 points to 2,933.42 by mid-morning, off its session high of 2,939. Advancing shares led declining issues by seven to four.

Investors bought selective shares amid anticipation of an easing of credit, but some analysts felt that, at below 6 per cent, the Fed's funds rate was already under its perceived target.

Michael Metz, a market strategist at Oppenheimer and Co, said: "What you're getting is an extension of Friday's rally in the bond market, and emerging confidence that the inflation problem is behind us."

TOKYO

Rate hopes help to hold up Nikkei

Shares closed firmer but off their highs. Prices were buoyed in morning buying by optimism sparked off by a strengthening yen and hopes that interest rates would soon be lowered after Friday's 0.1 per cent drop in the American March consumer price index.

An overnight fall in money rates and a half-point cut in Britain's interest rates also helped, but buying momentum waned in the afternoon.

The Nikkei closed up 113.03 points, or 0.43 per cent, at 26,695.53, with 380 million shares traded.

FRANKFURT

Dax poised for gains

The Dax index rose 18.28 points, or 1.2 per cent, to 1,601.42, ending the session poised for further gains today.

Dealers said this did not represent a decisive break through the 1,600 barrier, but that a positive mood meant further gains were likely this week. It is the fourth time in recent weeks the Dax has tested 1,600.

Klaus Heintzen, of Bankhaus Bethmann, said: "We have breached an important level. If we get a little support from America later today prices could easily rise further tomorrow."

HONG KONG

Failed talks bring jitters

Share prices finished easier in trendless trade, but off the low as bargain-hunting helped retrace half the day's losses. The Hang Seng index tumbled more than 60 points in the first half hour on news that British and Chinese negotiators had broken off talks on Hong Kong's new airport project but eventually closed 31.93 points down at 3,710.07.

● **Singapore** — Share prices closed mixed in thin trading with dealers reluctant to commit themselves ahead of today's religious holiday. The Straits Times Industrial index rose 4.23 points to 1,485.90.

● **Sydney** — Hopes of a further interest cut kept the market buoyant, pushing it to a higher close. The All Ordinaries rose 7 points to 1,462.7. *(Reuter)*

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	3,298	CU	228	Lucas	819	Royal Ins	367
Alld-Lyons	1,468	Courtaulds	241	M&S	4,566	Sainsbury	1,222
Anglian	522	Enterprise	941	Maxwell Cm	3,920	Scot & N	663
ASDA	2,833	Eurotunnel	514	MEPC	80	Sears	1,005
AB Foods	58	Fisons	2,739	Midland	1,002	Severn Trnt	2,261
Argyll	1,818	Gen Acc	543	Natl Power	10	Shell	7,054
BAA	686	GEC	2,317	Nat West	2,289	Smith & N	366
BET	1,730	Glaxo	2,144	N W Water	2,213	SK Beech	793
BTR	2,617	Grand Met	2,000	P&O	761	Sun Alliance	399
BAT	616	GUS 'A'	28	Pearson	339	Tarmac	1,982
Barclays	3,786	GRE	1,606	Pilkington	1,963	Tate Lyle	1,982
Beecham	511	Guinness	640	PowerGen	9,600	TSB	3,755
BICC	1,477	Hanson 'A'	129	Prudential	3,193	Tesco	2,421
Bk Scotland	946	Harrison	19,436	Racal	5,376	Thames Wtr	1,739
Blue Circle	1,671	H & C	1,148	Rk Hovis	307	Thorn EMI	399
BOC	458	Hawker	282	Rank	604	Tomkins	366
Boots	1,286	Hillsdown	461	RBC	167	THF	3,228
Br Aero	900	ICI	463	Redland	442	Ultramar	512
Br Airways	956	Kingfisher	1,671	Reed	424	Unilever	378
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Br Steel	2,667	Land Sec	325	RTZ	817	Whitbrd	499
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Aberforth Smlr (100p)	121 +1½	Smaller IT	78
Alliance Res	44	Stand Platform (225p)	172
Brabant Res (155p)	134	Trio Inv Tst	42
CMW Group (30p)	46	Utd Uniform	68
Castle Calm (50p)	38	Unichem (100p)	161 –1
Drayton Blue Chip	102 +1	Wig Tpe App	235
EFM Java Tst (50p)	44 +1	**RIGHTS ISSUES**	
East German Inv	115	BPP N/P	43 –2
Ebos (100p)	58	BASS N/P	112 –4
Etonbrook	67	Bellway N/P	22 –3
Europe Energy	14	Berkeley N/P	74
Faber Prest (175p)	129	Gaelic Res N/P	½
Highcroft Inv	165	Hartstone N/P	43 +2
Invergordon (135p)	160	Ibstock J N/P	9 +1
Levercrest (108p)	64 –1	Nat Aust N/P	16 +1
MMEC	3½	Ocean N/P	41
MMI (20p)	24	Persimmon N/P	32 –4
Malaysia Capital	£7½	Sage Gp N/P	34 +10
Midland Radio	95	*(issue price in brackets).*	

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 8	April 19	July 11	July 22

Call options were taken out on: 15/4/91 ADT, Albert Fisher, Aviva Petroleum, Berisford Intl, Conroy Pet, Control Sec, Lonrho, Marlheath Secs, Midland Bank, Morgan Crucible, Premier, Proteus, Reiners, Tusker Res.
Puts: BET, Gleyform, Cowan De Groot, Propeller.
Put & Calls: Wpp.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Strike	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyons (*529)	500	31	45	60	2	17	23
	550	3½	20	36	28	45	48
	600	1	7½	18	75	83	85
ASDA (*133)	120	14½	21	22	1	3	5
	130	5½	13	16	2	5	8½
	140	1½	7	11	7	11	14
Bass (*952)	929	20	54	78	16	42	47
	977	3½	33	54	32	69	74
	1026	1½	19	33	98	105	108
Boots (*387)	330	59	65	72	1	5	6
	360	29	40	49	2	9	15
	390	6	20	32	12	22	27
Br Airways (*158)	140	20	23	25	1	6½	8½
	160	3½	10	15	5½	15	17
	180	1	4	9	23	31	33
BP (*355)	300	56	60	65	1	2½	4
	330	26	35	41	1	6½	11
	360	4	16	24	8	19	22
Br Steel (*140)	130	11	17	17	1	5½	7
	140	3	8	11	3	10	10½
	160	1	3½	5	22	25	26
C&W (*545)	460	83	97	110	¼	5	8
	500	50	62	78	1	13	18
	550	9	30	50	14	33	38
CU (*528)	460	68	82	90	1	3½	8½
	500	30	53	60	2	13	19
	550	3	25	33	27	35	40
Courtaulds (*405)	360	50	55	62	¾	6	10
	390	20	32	44	3	16	20
	420	3½	16	28	18	31	36
GKN (*370)	330	40	53	57	1	5	12
	360	12	32	37	3	16	23
	390	3	18	24	25	32	40
Grand Met (*820)	750	74½	100	121	1	12½	22
	800	28	65	87	5½	28	38
	850	5	35	62	33	52	62
ICI (*1049)	1000	55	99	119	3	21	35
	1050	17	72	87	15	38	57
	1100	4	47	65	59	65	82
Kingfisher (*499)	420	87	90	98	1	5	9
	460	48	58	68	2	11	16
	500		35	47		28	33
Ladbroke (*284)	260	27	38	47	1½	7	11
	280	9	25	34	5	14	20
	300	3	15	23	18	25	30
Land Sec (*539)	500	43	53	59	1½	7	12
	550	6	19	33	15	33	35
	600	1	6½	14	62	70	73
M&S (*263)	220	45	48	54	1	1½	3
	240	25	30	39	1	5	7
	260	8	17	26	3½	13	16
Sainsbury (*390)	330	62	66	77	1	2	4
	360	32	42	54	1	6½	10
	390	7	21	35	6	18	22
Shell (*512)	420	95	105	110	1	2½	4
	460	55	72	75	2	5	9
	500	16	42	48	6	14	22
Smkl Beech (*810)	700	115	133	151	1	5	10
	750	65	91	111	1½	12	21
	800	22	60	80	9	30	39

	Strike	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Storehse (*118)	110	11	16	19	2½	6	8
	120	3½	10	13	6	10	12
	130	1½	6	–	13	17	–
Tesdale (*235)	240	20	27	36	2½	14	20
	260	5	18	25	10	23	32
	280	1½	9	18	28	40	44
Ultramar (*332)	300	35	45	52	2	6	10
	330	7	25	33	6	16	22
	360	1½	11	20	30	35	38
Unilever (*764)	650	120	140	158	1½	4	6
	700	70	93	117	2½	8	13
	750	25	57	83	6	20	27
	800	3½	32	52	37	47	50
Utd Biscs (*387)	330	60	69	77	1	1½	4
	360	30	44	53	1	6	10
	390	6	24	34	8	17	21
	Strike	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
BAA (*432)	390	50	58	70	3	9	12
	420	26	38	50	10	18	22
	460	7	20	27	35	38	41
BAT Ind (*714)	600	120	125	129	2	6	11
	650	74	85	94	5	15	25
	700	35	55	65	17	35	45
	750	14	32	43	47	62	72
BTR (*408)	360	53	66	70	2	5½	9
	390	29	44	50	7	14	18
	420	12	27	32	22	27	32
Br Aero (*638)	550	100	117	127	3	9	15
	600	55	80	93	11	22	32
	650	23	47	62	28	40	50
Br Telecm (*367)	330	42	49	55	1	5	8
	360	18	28	36	7½	16	18
	390	5	13½	22	27	32	35
Cadbury (*395)	360	42	53	63	2½	8	9
	390	18	35	44	10	17	21
	420	6	19	29	31	33	36
Guinness (*918)	850	78	110	127	7	17	24
	900	44	79	95	22	33	42
	950	19	50	69	48	57	64
GEC (*206)	200	13	16	22	4½	11	13
	220	3½	7½	12½	16	23	25
	240	1	–	–	35	–	–
Hanson (*225)	220	11½	18	24½	4½	10	11½
	240	3½	9	15	17½	22	23
	260	1	4	8½	37	38½	39
LASMO (*364)	330	42	53	63	4	11	13
	360	23	35	45	14	22	23
	390	8	19	32	38	40	43
P&O (*596)	550	58	75	82	5	11	20
	600	20	41	53	20	29	40
	650	5½	20	29	57	60	70
Pilkington (*202)	160	44	45	47	2½	4	5½
	180	25	27	32	3	9	12
	200	10	15	21	9	18	21
Prudential (*248)	220	30	38	41	2½	4½	8
	240	14	24	29	6½	10½	15
	260	5½	14	19	18	21	25
Racal (*233)	220	22	–	–	3	–	–
	240	10	–	–	15	–	–

	Strike	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
	260	4½	–	–	29	–	–
	280	2	–	–	48	–	–
RTZ (*554)	460	98	112	118	2	3½	7
	500	61	79	87	4	10	15
	550	28	47	56	19	28	31
	600	7	23	34	55	57	63
Scot New (*385)	330	60	68	–	2	5½	–
	360	35	43	50	4	13	15
	390	14	24	33	16	26	30
	420	4	11	20	38	47	50
Tesco (*283)	253	35	42	–	2½	4	–
	280	12	23	28	6	11	13
	300	4½	13	20	19	22	25
Thames W. (*321)	280	44	50	52	2	5½	6
	300	27	34	37	4	10	11
	330	8	14	20	15	26	28
Lucas (*168)	140	30	35	40	1½	3½	5½
	160	13	21	27	4½	8	12
	180	5	10	17	17	20	23
	Strike	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**
Fisons (*477)	420	57	70	85	1	5	7
	460	19	40	57	4	15	20
	500	2½	20	35	28	35	40
	Strike	**Jan**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jan**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Abbey Nat (*284)	240	53	56	62	1	3	4
	260	34	40	47	3	6½	8½
	280	20	26	34	8½	14	16
Amstrad (*79)	70	13	18	20	2	5	6
	80	6½	11	15½	6	8	11
	90	3½	7	10½	13	14	16
Barclays (*479)	390	100	110	–	2	5	–
	420	72	82	90	4	11	14
	460	38	50	65	11	22	26
Blue Circ (*258)	240	21	29	34	8½	15	16
	260	10	18	23	20	25	27
	280	4½	10	16	35	37	39
Br Gas (*246)	220	33	35	38	2½	5	7
	240	17	19	25	6	13	14
	260	8	10	15	17	26	27
Dixons (*187)	140	35	34	–	1	2	–
	160	35	38	41	2	5½	7
	180	19	23	29	6	12	14
Glaxo (*1102)	1050	97	–	150	20	–	43
	1100	63	–	120	38	–	60
	1150	39	–	95	65	–	87
Hawker (*603)	500	113	120	126	4	13	16
	550	67	85	90	16	27	32
	600	35	58	65	40	50	58
Hillsdown (*264)	240	28	37	44	7	13	16
	260	16	25	33	16	21	25
	280	7	15	23	30	32	36
Lonrho (*274)	240	42	44	52	2½	6	9
	260	25	31	39	6	12	15
	280	13	19	26	16	21	24
Midland (*227)	180	52	55	63	1½	4½	5½
	200	35	42	47	5	9½	10½

	Strike	Calls Jan	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jan	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
	220	21	27	34	12	17	21
	240	11	18	26	21	25	30
Reuter (*875)	800	108	132	158	19	37	45
	850	75	105	128	36	55	68
	900	50	77	105	55	78	90
R-Royce (*177)	140	42	46	47	1	2½	3
	160	23	28	33	3	6	7½
	180	10	17	21	9½	14	16
Sears (*90)	80	13	14	15	2½	4	5
	90	5½	8	9½	7½	8½	9½
	100	2	4	5½	14½	15	17
TSB (*272)	260	20	29	34	9	13	16
	280	9	19	21	20	24	25
	300	3	10	–	36	38	–
Thorn EMI (*729)	650	95	95	100	4	13	17
	700	56	58	68	13	31	35
	750	27	33	45	37	57	61
	800	12	17	–	74	94	–
TSB (*161)	130	35	37	–	1½	2	–
	140	25	26	30	2	4	4½
	160	9	14	17	7	10	11
Vast Resls (*356)	30	11	13	15	3½	5½	6
	40	5	8	10½	8½	10	12
Wellcome (*531)	460	84	100	109	5½	14	17
	500	52	75	85	15	26	32
	550	25	47	60	40	50	55
	Strike	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Easton Elec (*189)	140	51	54	52	1½	2	4
	160	32	34	33	2	5	6
	180	14	20	20	4½	13	15
Siem Elec (*202)	140	66	–	–	1	–	–
	160	46	–	–	1	–	–
	180	26	–	–	1½	–	–
Elec Pack (*£2058)	1800	290	–	–	25	–	–
	1850	250	–	–	35	–	–
	1900	190	–	–	50	–	–
	Strike	**Jan**	**Sep**	–	**Jan**	**Sep**	–
Nat Power (*133)	120	19	21	–	2	4½	–
	130	12	13	–	4½	9	–
	140	6	8½	–	9	14	–

FT-SE INDEX (*£2545)

	2350	2400	2450	2500	2550	2600
Calls						
Apr	210*	163	114	74	39	15
May	230	184	142	104	72	45
Jun	245	203	162	127	97	70
Jul	265	223	185	160	120	93
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1	Croda	Chemicals,Plas	
2	British Gas	Oil,Gas	
3	Tay Homes	Building,Roads	
4	Eurotunnel Units	Transport	
5	Blocklays	Building,Roads	
6	First Leisure	Leisure	
7	Smiths Ind	Industrials S-Z	
8	Conder Grp	Building,Roads	
9	Booker	Foods	
10	Perry Gp	Motors,Aircraft	
11	Applegarth	Motors,Aircraft	
12	Grycport	Property	
13	BM Gp	Industrials A-D	
14	Hartstone	Drapery,Stores	
15	Utd Biscuits	Foods	
16	P & O Dfd	Transport	
17	P-E International	Electricals	
18	Sytone	Industrials S-Z	
19	Trafalgar H	Industrials S-Z	
20	Goodhead	Paper,Print,Adv	
21	Beales Homer	Electricals	
22	Cadbury-Schwp	Foods	
23	Boots	Industrials A-D	
24	Nestor-BNA	Industrials L-R	
25	Wheelson	Industrials S-Z	
26	Savoy Hotels 'A'	Hotels,Caterers	
27	Warburg SG	Banks,Discount	
28	Iceland Frozen	Foods	
29	Pifco	Electricals	
30	Garton Eng	Industrials E-K	
31	North West	Water	
32	Barclays	Banks,Discount	
33	Halma	Industrials E-K	
34	Northumbrian	Water	
35	South West	Water	
36	Brent Walker	Leisure	
37	Pilkington	Industrials L-R	
38	BICC	Electricals	
39	THORN EMI	Electricals	
40	Bank Of Scotland	Banks,Discount	
41	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
42	Etam	Drapery,Stores	
43	Ryl Bk Scot	Banks,Discount	
44	GKN	Industrials E-K	
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Confident start to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 15. Dealings end April 26. §Contango day April 29. Settlement day May 7. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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BREWERIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
575	460	Allied-Lyons	527	529	+5	28.4	4.4	11.1
104	82	Bass	97	98	+2	4.8	4.9	10.7
175	124	Boddingtons	165	163	+3	3.8	2.3	18.8
244	113	Brakspear (H P)	226	233		10.5	4.5	17.3
145	125	Burtonwood Brwr	115	125	-1	5.9	4.4	11.2
191	130	Devenish (JA)	180	187	+9	7.1	3.7	14.3
81	59	Fuller, Smith & Tn	55	55				
680	530	Grand Met	635	639	+3	27.2	4.3	14.7
396	276	Greenall Whdp	345	350	+10	13.3	3.8	13.4
441	374	Greene King	395	405	+7	23.8	5.1	15.7
717	577	Guinness	613	616	+12	23.0	3.7	14.4
990	672x	Hodgson & Hardcastle	942	952	+1	44.7	4.7	11.7
275	225	Highland Dist	255	261	+1	6.8	2.6	20.5
187	130	Independent Dist	136	142		6.7	4.7	13.2
485	400	Marstons	430	440		15.3	3.5	11.3
295	225	Matthew Thompson	242	250		8.6	2.8	17.4
280	205	Matthew Clark	250	260		6.8	2.6	13.7
203	160	Morland	200	200		6.8	3.1	13.7
616	525	SA Brewheries	603	615				
409	339	Scot & Nwc	327	333	-3	18.3	4.7	10.8
289	178	West Brwg	268	273		11.7	4.1	11.9
590	409	Whitbread 'A'	497	470	+2	20.4	4.3	12.1
296	236	Do 'B'	126x	126x	-4	20.4	3.2	30.8
320	230	Wolverhampton & D	262	265	+1	12.4	2.5	14.2
447	389	Young 'A'	402	417		18.0	3.9	18.5

BUILDING, ROADS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
77	40	Abbey	60	70	-2			
271	186	Amec	230	234	+4	13.5	5.8	12.8
74	17	Anglia Sec	63	64				
85	72	Ashdale	82	85	-1	8.0	10.1	2.3
299	182	Ashtead	220	225	+1	10.6	4.7	8.8
235	171	BPB Ind	223	227	+2	10.6	4.7	8.8
105	69	Bagnall(Geo Blk)	100	107		4.2	4.0	12.2
50	31	Bailey (Geo) Const	32	37x		1.5	4.5	3.7
119	87	Bardon Hill	113	119	+2	12.0	10.6	10.4
185	62	Beazer PLC	169	172	+12	10.3	6.0	8.9
277	198	Bellway	242	245	-2	14.7b	6.0	13.8
19	10	Bestwick	10	13				
372	272	Bickerdyke Gp	360	362	+1	6.0	1.8	11.0
189	107	Bett Bros	145	155		8.5	4.7	11.3
117	80	Blackburn	112	122	+13	6.4	5.5	12.8
288	188	Blue Circle	255	256	-4	15.0	5.8	8.7
148	108	Bovis (Geo)	140	146	+3	20.0	8.3	12.8
163	98	Brandon PLC	95	103	+1	6.1	5.9	9.3
135	99	W Dredging	115	123		8.8	7.7	8.8
185	99	Bryant	162	164		8.4	5.2	16.1
105	70	CALA	80	100	-1	4.0	4.0	13.3
269	187	CRH	245	255	+3			
80	33	Calthorpe Estmy	43	55	-2	0.7	1.4	—
55	25	Carson Gp	40	50	+5	0.4	0.8	—
235	140	Costain	200	208	+10	10.3	—	—
154	78	Countryside	137	142	+2	6.5	3.9	—
133	86	Cowie, Nicholson	112	115		10.2	8.9	37.9
58	37	Crouch, James	45	50		3.0	6.1	4.2
119	102	Davis J Gp	115	120		5.0	4.2	10.1
453	350	Douglas (W)Gp	415	435		14.0	3.3	8.8
47p	29	Edmund Hodgs	42x	44x		2.5	5.7	10.7
77	49	Elib	65	70	-4	5.2	7.8	17.2
117	76	Ernest Boulton	105	107	-1	7.5	7.1	6.5
8p	2	Fisher Gp	3x	4x	+1			
104	71	Galliford	88	91		5.7	6.3	11.7
90	71	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	80	90				
789	560	Gleeson (M.J.)	775	785		14.0	1.8	10.5
110	75	Graham Wood	100	110		10.7	10.2	3.1
91	48	Hartland Ind	65	70		6.5	12.5	4.6
103x	84	Hawtin-Plant	90	95		4.0	4.2	6.6
303	241	Henry Boot Wdhms	288	292	+1	18.7	6.2	11.0
483	282	Higgs & Hill	340	348	-7	20.8	6.4	8.5
41	27x	How Gp	37	40		4.8	12.9	7.8
21	10	Howard Hldgs	19	21				
110	75	Hunter Johnson	101	103	+1%	6.0	7.5	11.7
90	56	Jarvis	83	86		3.3	3.8	8.4
346	254	Laing (J)	313	316		17.3	5.5	20.8
64	33	Lawrence (Walter)	47	51		0.8	12.2	13.8
54	30	Lilley	50	52	+1%	3.5	6.8	5.4
205	108	Lovell (Y.J)	200	205	+1	11.9	5.9	12.1
186	133	Meadows	172	175		9.3	5.3	12.2
126	67	Minty	119	122	+1	6.5	7.0	34.5
48	30	Mowlem	41	42		2.7	6.5	8.8
131	81	Newarthill (J)	122	126		8.8	5.2	8.8
355	208	McAlpine (Alfred)	310	315		13.7	4.4	27.8
117	38	McKinley J & S	65	68	-2	1.3	1.9	—
483	369	Meyer Int	420	423	+1	22.0	5.1	10.4
350	280	Murdoch (John)	330	340	+3%	14.0	4.1	14.1
44	13	NCC	28	30		4.7	16.2	3.9
165	112	Newton Tracks	158	162	-3	12.4	7.6	10.5
284	187	Pentlands	271	276	+4	11.0	4.0	11.9
55	34	Pochin Timber	37	42	-1	1.0	2.4	7.7
10	2x	Prestige	6x	10x	-1	3.0	3.3	—
207	174	Powling	190	195	-1	8.7	3.5	11.8
204	160	Ryan	200	202	+4	20.7	9.7	12.2
133	83	Ryhill (W)	110	112		7.7	6.9	8.0
655	438	Redland	650	655		33.3	5.5	11.0
180	125	Rugby Group	158	160	-3	8.8	5.4	10.8
112	68	Sharpe & Fisher	78	82		5.9	7.4	14.8
189	103	Shaw (J) Ind	153	157		7.2	4.6	11.1
186	161	Smart (J)	183	186		8.6	5.2	7.7
23	10x	Stanhome	19x	20x				
424	334	Stanley	370	377		18.7	5.0	10.7
284	200	Steetley	270	272	-2	13.0	4.8	12.1
152	102	Tarmac	142	143	-1	7.0	4.9	9.8
182	116	Tay Homes	174	176		8.0	4.5	9.1
365	180	Taylor Woodrow	218	220		10.0	4.6	9.1
251	196	Trafalgar House	220	226		10.7	4.8	14.2
83	43	Try Group	62	66		3.0	4.8	5.2
130	57	Turner (C)	78	80	+14	3.0	3.8	9.4
139	68	Wimpey	103	105		4.8	4.6	6.1
188	120	Wood, Group	165	170		9.8	5.9	6.3
160	70	Wood Hldgs	85	87	-1	3.6	4.1	—
420	304	Wilcon Homes	402	407		12.4	3.1	15.6
62	7	Waggon	24	35				
435	342	Wilson Bowden	432	436	+1	11.7	2.7	14.1
211	182	Wilmot (Connolly)	194	198		8.0	2.5	17.3
229	165	Yorkshire B	208	209		14.0	6.9	24.5
78	43	YRM	70	76	-2	6.7	8.8	5.4

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
170	120	Allied Colloids	155	159	+1	4.3	2.7	15.2
382	301	Amerchem	365	368	+4	16.7	4.3	18.7
524	376	Anglo Dut	39	404	+9	1.0	4.8	8.7
208	149	Bakelite	197	200		11.2	5.8	14.8
724x	724x	Brent DMSO						
187	139	Brightwell	183	187		12.7	6.5	8.8
167	121	Brent Chemie	157	160		9.0	5.7	8.8
75	42	Child Sp	60	63		3.5	5.8	10.4
164	94	Crosfield (W)	160	165	+1	9.7	6.3	12.0
203	146	Croda	191	193	+4	14.7	7.7	11.8
209	165	Ellis & Everard	187	192		8.4	4.7	11.5
37	17	Fisons	19	19		0.3	1.6	11.1
284	202	Halstead (James)	261	265		14.3	5.4	7.9
187	140	Harcros	160	164		10.7	6.5	8.7
97x	67x	Hoechst DMSO	84x		+1%			
11x	5x	Imp Chem Ind	10x	10x		7.3	7.0	12.7
653	440	Laporte	538	550		23.7	4.0	13.5
351	277	Leigh	327	332		9.7	2.9	21.1
17x	13x	Mark Hydro	13x		-½			
300	232	Petrom Zoch	245	250		12.7	5.0	11.0
345	238	Do 'A'	340	345		12.7	3.7	10.8
143	110	Plysu	130	132		5.1	3.9	13.2
366	253	Rexnord	273	277	+3	4.4	1.6	20.2
		Rotublic Spunbrun				2.7i		
171	128	Tetrosyl	140	147		1.4	1.0	20.0
325	226	Thermo Stamps plc	300	305	+3	20.0	6.6	10.1
289	215	Wedgwood Rmk	253	275		21.7	8.2	8.7
440	307	Yorkshire Chem	435	442		18.0	4.1	11.8
131	88	Yule Catto	128	132	+1	6.1	4.7	8.4

DRAPERY, STORES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
564	442	Allsops	560	567		19.3	3.4	13.1
93	61	Amber Day	90x	91x	+1%	2.7i	3.0	22.0
398	326	Argos Plc	384	388	+2	8.0	2.8	18.1
78	22	Ashley (Laura)	73	76				
365	270	Bairds (Wm)	370	375		12.7	3.3	17.8
150	125	Bentalls (James) 'A'	144	146	+1	8.0	4.0	11.6
195	150	Burtons	183	188	+2	5.1	2.7	36.3
71	48	Blacks Leis	70	71	+2	2.0	2.8	14.2
307	179	Body Shop	270	275	+3	1.5	0.5	54.6
		Bulmer				1.5i		
384	286	Brown & Jackson	309	37		2.3	6.4	6.1
298	183	Brown (N)	225	227		5.7	3.2	12.2
100x	81	Burton	95	97	-1	5.3	5.5	6.9
135	113	Carpets 'A'	133	136	+1	5.3	3.9	7.5
16	10	Clubland Plc	12x	14				
352	265	Church	320	330		10.7	5.3	10.5
164	90	Coats Viyella	147	150		8.3	5.5	15.5
214	154	Courts Furnishers	203	215		8.7	3.1	41.8
576	398	DAWS (Sangers 'A'	554	560		10.7	1.9	14.4
28x	13	Dawson (J.)	20x	22x	-2	0.9	4.3	8.8
201	125	Dixons Gro	185	189	-2	7.5	4.0	19.5
431	296	Debenh	427	430	+3	8.1	1.9	18.1
47	11	ERA Gp	29	34	+4			
9x	4x	Elys (Wandsbeck)	7x	8x				
134	95	Empire Stores	125	130	+1	2.5	2.0	12.2
153	67	Etam	148	153	+5	5.4	3.6	8.8
276	213	Fine Art Dev	277	281		12.1	4.3	12.8
98	60	First Earth Tres	81	78	+4	3.4	4.3	7.5
368	336	Formatrix	360	370		14.2	3.8	8.0
79	50	Gent (R)	67	70	-1	4.0	5.8	8.6
53	32	Gleadhills Group	50	52		3.9	7.5	3.2
19x	12x	GUS	15x	16x		47.3b	5.0	15.1
164	109	Green & Jackson	159	161		12.0	7.5	8.8
182	135	Harris Queen	175	180	+4	4.1	2.1	18.3
100x	81	Do 'A'	91	92		2.7	12.8	3.8
218	133	Hartstone	210	213		6.5	3.1	14.6
290x	90	Heelas Plc	121	125		7.4	3.5	14.6
135	93	Hogg Robinson plc	131	135		8.3	6.3	4.5
17x	11	Holts	15	18		1.5	10.2	4.4
125	90	House of Lorenzo	105	113	+1%	10.7	9.5	8.8
170	130	Jaeger Vert	165	170		13.3	8.0	5.4
598	359	Kingfisher	497	500	+2	18.3	3.3	11.9
79	61	Leeds Wtr Gp	78	79		5.3	6.8	8.2
586	416	Liberty	570	580	+10	8.7	1.5	22.0
208	213x	Marks Spencer	209	214	+3	12.3	5.8	11.2
352	284	Marshes (Aubrey)	350	357	+3	12.3	3.5	15.7
135	113	Moss Bros	128	135		6.7	5.0	
374	317x	Next	339x	35	-4	10.7	3.1	
150	100	Oliver (G)	115	125	+4	7.5	6.5	4.3
19	8	Do 'A'	9	13	+1	7.5	7.8	6.8
144	101x	Pentos	133	138	+1	3.3	2.4	13.6
195	135	QS Hldgs	180	187		3.5	1.9	20.5
180	111	Reuters Group	170	174	-3	12.5	7.7	9.5
121	80	S & U Stores	118	122	+1	8.7	7.3	5.4
307	230	Sears	292	297	+3%	5.0	3.5	10.6
88	61	Sears	88x	89	+1	7.2	8.0	10.8
307	230	Smith WH 'A'	288	294	+4	10.3	3.5	12.7
133	94	Sportsmaster	125	129	-2	6.7	5.4	14.5
205	141	T & S Stores	189	191				20.1
33	19	Tie Rack	30	31				
196	109	Tom Products	153	159	+1	8.5	6.1	7.9
50	44	Vivat	45	47	+1			
37	24	Wallace	31	34	+1	1.0		
37	23	Welding Office	23	30		2.4	8.0	

ELECTRICALS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
146	90	AB Electr	134	139	+1			
137	73	ACT Group	116	118	+1	5.7	3.1	17.0
247	220	Advent	220	240	+11	5.5	2.3	12.4
84	61	Alba	60	63		5.0	7.1	12.0
7	4	Alphameric	4	5				
90	61	Amstrad	78	80	+1			
38	22	Anker	29	30		0.1	0.3	2.5
30	8	Astec	9	10		0.5	5.0	8.7
246	177	Auto Sec	246	252		6.5	2.6	8.7
275	161	Becker Hunter	250	253	+3	12.2	4.8	8.8
20x	10	Bennett & Fountain	14x	16x				
488	305	BICC	411	415	+16	26.7	6.5	12.2
222	158	Black	215	222		9.3	4.2	17.2
238	175	Bowthorpe	230	233		7.7b	3.3	15.8
332	252	C Tech	320	325	+2	10.5	4.5	13.3
148	7	Cable (W) 'A'	140	145		2.0	1.4	20.8
22	15	Chelton	19	20		0.9	4.5	7.1
208	100	Computer People	198	203				
73	50	Cray Elect	70	73	+1			
276	216	Data	257	262	+3	10.7	4.1	11.4
212	118	Dewhurst	191	194	+1	3.2	1.6	17.7
89	49	Dowding & Mills	73	76		1.3	1.7	20.3
84	78	EMI	78	79		4.7	5.9	10.7
270	177	Electrocomponents	264	266	-1	9.1	3.4	12.2
85	60	Elec Data Process	85	100		4.0	4.1	8.1
380	267	—	365	367		18.3	3.4	13.1
90x	61x	Do 'A'	90x	91x	+1%	2.7i	3.0	22.0
398	326	Argos Plc	384	388	+2	8.0	2.8	18.1
78	22	Ashley (Laura)	73	76				
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150	125	Bentalls (James) 'A'	144	146	+1	8.0	4.0	11.6
195	150	Burtons	183	188	+2	5.1	2.7	36.3
71	48	Blacks Leis	70	71	+2	2.0	2.8	14.2
307	179	Body Shop	270	275	+3	1.5	0.5	54.6
		Bulmer				1.5i		
384	286	Brown & Jackson	309	37		2.3	6.4	6.1
298	183	Brown (N)	225	227		5.7	3.2	12.2
100x	81	Burton	95	97	-1	5.3	5.5	6.9
135	113	Carpets 'A'	133	136	+1	5.3	3.9	7.5
16	10	Clubland Plc	12x	14				
352	265	Church	320	330		10.7	5.3	10.5
164	90	Coats Viyella	147	150		8.3	5.5	15.5
214	154	Courts Furnishers	203	215		8.7	3.1	41.8
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47	11	ERA Gp	29	34	+4			
9x	4x	Elys (Wandsbeck)	7x	8x				
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153	67	Etam	148	153	+5	5.4	3.6	8.8
276	213	Fine Art Dev	277	281		12.1	4.3	12.8
98	60	First Earth Tres	81	78	+4	3.4	4.3	7.5
368	336	Formatrix	360	370		14.2	3.8	8.0
79	50	Gent (R)	67	70	-1	4.0	5.8	8.6
53	32	Gleadhills Group	50	52		3.9	7.5	3.2
19x	12x	GUS	15x	16x		47.3b	5.0	15.1
164	109	Green & Jackson	159	161		12.0	7.5	8.8
182	135	Harris Queen	175	180	+4	4.1	2.1	18.3
100x	81	Do 'A'	91	92		2.7	12.8	3.8
218	133	Hartstone	210	213		6.5	3.1	14.6
290x	90	Heelas Plc	121	125		7.4	3.5	14.6
135	93	Hogg Robinson plc	131	135		8.3	6.3	4.5
17x	11	Holts	15	18		1.5	10.2	4.4
125	90	House of Lorenzo	105	113	+1%	10.7	9.5	8.8
170	130	Jaeger Vert	165	170		13.3	8.0	5.4
598	359	Kingfisher	497	500	+2	18.3	3.3	11.9
79	61	Leeds Wtr Gp	78	79		5.3	6.8	8.2
586	416	Liberty	570	580	+10	8.7	1.5	22.0
208	213x	Marks Spencer	209	214	+3	12.3	5.8	11.2
352	284	Marshes (Aubrey)	350	357	+3	12.3	3.5	15.7
135	113	Moss Bros	128	135		6.7	5.0	
374	317x	Next	339x	35	-4	10.7	3.1	
150	100	Oliver (G)	115	125	+4	7.5	6.5	4.3
19	8	Do 'A'	9	13	+1	7.5	7.8	6.8
144	101x	Pentos	133	138	+1	3.3	2.4	13.6
195	135	QS Hldgs	180	187		3.5	1.9	20.5
180	111	Reuters Group	170	174	-3	12.5	7.7	9.5
121	80	S & U Stores	118	122	+1	8.7	7.3	5.4
307	230	Sears	292	297	+3%	5.0	3.5	10.6
88	61	Sears	88x	89	+1	7.2	8.0	10.8
307	230	Smith WH 'A'	288	294	+4	10.3	3.5	12.7
133	94	Sportsmaster	125	129	-2	6.7	5.4	14.5
205	141	T & S Stores	189	191				20.1
33	19	Tie Rack	30	31				
196	109	Tom Products	153	159	+1	8.5	6.1	7.9
50	44	Vivat	45	47	+1			
37	24	Wallace	31	34	+1	1.0		
37	23	Welding Office	23	30		2.4	8.0	

ELECTRICITY

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
208	142	East Midlands	200	203	+2	23.1	5.9	11.3
185	134x	Eastern Elect	167	170	+3	20.5	5.9	12.2
294	135	London Elect	262	264	+3	19.9	5.9	12.1
241	191	Manweb	234	236	+1	21.3	5.7	11.2
237	135	Midlands Elec	225	227	+3	20.1	6.8	10.9
210	143	Northern Elec	203	205	+1	21.7	6.5	10.1
208x	143	Norweb	207	205	+2	20.8	6.1	—
199	134	Scottish	185	189	+1	18.7	5.9	12.7
229	159	Southern	223	227	-2	21.3	5.7	11.4
212	139	Sth Wales	205	210		20.3	5.8	10.8
282	189b	Southern Elec	201	203	+5	19.3	5.8	12.2
222	157	Yorkshire Elec	217	219	+1	20.6	5.8	10.3
230x	150x	Debngs Unit	229x		+21x			
140x	100	National Power	132	134	+1	11.8	5.3	8.8
140x	100	PowerGen	135	136	+1	11.1	5.3	8.5

FINANCE, LAND

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
332	201	Abbeycrest	328	332		2.0	0.5	—
41	25	Allied Home	30	35		2.0	6.1	14.7
46	40	Am Hardware	44x	48x		4.3d		
149	98	Bdge Pty	140	142	+1	5.5	3.8	5.4
159	118	Bskvl Ty Invest	132	137				—
193	84	Bson-Anderson	140x	18				—
21	17	Cambrdge	17	18	-1	20.3

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holborn Hill, Birmingham B6 4AG Tel: 0345 717373 (Lo-Rate)				
Maserat Acc	88.09	95.09	+0.66	2.20
Bd	62.08	66.09	+0.16	1.47
Div/Gth	51.62	54.91	+0.27	5.48
Global Gth Sec	51.46	54.73	+0.29	1.89
Ethical	58.43	62.93	+0.25	3.02
High Inc Equity	141.0	150.0a	+0.4	6.87
Wrldw Bond	208.5	217.8	+0.2	6.39
Gilt/Fixed	113.2	120.0a	-0.2	9.89
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 289820				
30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DD Tel: 071-374 5001				
Am Inc/Gth	28.85	30.11e	+0.22	2.66
Euro	72.41	76.88	+0.12	0.00
Euro Inc	75.10	79.52e	+0.18	1.85
Exmpt	780.5	788.1e	+5.5	2.98
Extra Inc	40.75	43.98e	+0.31	5.09
F/E Emerg Ec	51.18	55.04	+0.84	1.17
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0345 954954 Dealing 0345 696696				
High Inc	367.7	391.5e	+3.7	5.05
Equity Inc	202.1	215.2	+1.3	5.15
High Yield	216.7	229.7e	+1.9	5.91
Balanced	549.4	585.1	+3.7	5.24
Am Inc	32.49	34.63	+0.11	4.09
World Ass Val	31.69	33.74	+0.03	1.61
Japan	140.1	149.2	+1.2	0.01
Sec of Am	294.1	313.2	+1.7	0.27
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 071-534 5544				
Capit	90.81	97.61	+0.44	3.73
Euro Gth Inc	92.73	98.91	+0.62	1.42
Extra Inc	96.88	105.2e	+0.35	8.13
General	202.1	216.2e	+1.0	0.79
Gt/Fxd Income	92.95	99.82e	-0.07	10.12
Int Trust	447.5	478.9	+1.5	5.74
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4DQ Tel: 081-658 6000				
Amer Gth	84.26	87.99	+0.86	0.59
Am Sm Cos	89.51	73.79e	+1.10	0.30
Australia	33.31	37.31	+0.09	1.80
Convertible	46.66	49.79e	+0.44	8.30
East	129.8	137.1e	+0.4	1.50
Equity Inc	81.11	86.26e	+0.22	5.30
Euro Gth	178.5	190.0	+0.6	2.70
Euro Smlr Cos	159.7	169.8	+0.3	1.90
Europ	68.29	73.31		0.61
German Gth	45.32	48.18	+0.21	0.80
Global Gth	80.51	85.70	+0.61	0.10
Jap Gth	171.0	183.0	+3.2	0.00
Latin Amer	146.9	156.9e	+1.4	0.00
Portfolio	95.27	99.31	+0.84	3.70
Do Acc	160.2	166.9	+1.1	3.70
UK Growth	57.31	61.18	+0.28	3.90
Gold Opp Inc	51.62	55.09e	+0.14	3.40
Select Man	53.42	56.82e	+0.15	2.40
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
120, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	61.10	65.74e	+0.05	3.15
Bldg Soc	70.79	75.26e	+0.08	0.18
Global Bond	22.61	24.07	+0.12	9.28
High Yield Acc	41.64	44.53e	+0.34	4.49
Inc	48.21	51.54e	+0.37	4.36
Inc Gth Acc	66.47	70.02	+0.59	4.36
Do Inc	48.00	51.34	+0.37	4.36
Service Co Acc	66.64	71.27	+0.38	1.65
Do Inc	48.11	51.45	+0.34	1.65
Am Gth Acc	31.01	33.16	+0.21	1.51
Do Inc	30.43	32.54	+0.21	1.51
Euro Gth Acc	38.49	39.52	+0.17	1.55
Do Inc	25.89	27.69	+0.17	1.55
Managed Port	25.01	26.75	+0.16	3.89
BROWN SHIPLEY				
8-17, Pennywood Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	117.4	125.0e	-0.1	3.78
Smlr Cos Acc	108.7	200.3e	-0.3	0.90
Euro Inc	112.9	121.0e	+0.4	1.77
High Inc	69.57	74.09e	+0.30	5.90
Income	102.9	110.7e	+0.3	4.60
Man Port/ Inc	83.58	89.91	-0.02	2.34
Do Acc	151.6	161.5		2.20
Nth Amer	71.77	77.05	+0.54	0.29
Orient	108.6	116.7	+0.9	0.92
Exempt	290.5	307.7	+1.5	4.40
Recov	135.30	142.8	+0.8	2.40
German	35.47	38.04	+0.34	0.11
Intl Recov	27.80	29.81	+0.10	0.26
Europa	20.40	21.87	+0.04	0.61
Conv Bond	19.03	20.27e	+0.05	9.39
BUCHANAN MANAGEMENT				
Buchanan House, 15 St Botolph St, London EC3A 7JJ Tel: 071-247 7474 Dealing: 01-247 7474				
Fellowship Inc	55.61	59.39e	+0.21	2.39
Gth Inc	60.18	64.26e	+0.23	5.98
Inc Fund 3	174.1	185.3e	+0.6	2.08
Do Acc 3	381.3	384.4e	+1.2	5.20
Inv Port Inc	54.57	58.27	+0.24	2.98
Sgtr Inc 3	93.70	99.9e	+0.35	2.98
Do Acc	97.34	104.2	-0.20	3.94
Do Acc	111.4	118.6	-0.3	3.94
Hi Inc Prt Inc	48.69	50.39e	-0.04	5.82
BURNAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 071-488 7200				
Shr Gt Pot Inc	80.21	81.18e	-0.02	7.48
CIM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 104 Manchester M60 3AN Tel: 061-837 9200				
Bnvlnt	104.2	110.9	+0.3	2.23
UK Growth	119.3	123.5	+0.8	2.59
UK Income	109.3	116.5e	+0.2	5.44
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NP Tel: 081-902 8870				
SE Asia	48.57	52.37e	+0.25	2.15
Growth	38.82	42.69e	-0.08	4.04
Income	50.05	53.53e	-0.04	6.50
Far East	38.43	42.17e	+0.07	0.61
Nth Amer	47.48	50.78e	+0.21	0.55
Global	66.09	69.92e	+0.59	1.72
European	62.14	66.46e		1.20
Japan	100.8	107.2	+1.1	0.01
Strategic Opp	48.88	52.10	+0.04	2.88
Intl Currency	45.80	48.39e	+0.10	8.37
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
35 Rosslyn Street, Manchester M2 2AF Tel: Dealing: 061-236 5685 Dealing: 061-236 0262				
Capital Trusts				
Am & Gen	85.83	91.21e	+0.06	0.59
Do Acc	91.21	97.04e	+0.10	0.59
European	59.07	61.86	+0.21	1.62
Far East	58.41	63.13	+0.21	1.62
F East/Gen	51.7	55.0	+0.6	0.00
Do Acc	51.7	55.0	+0.6	0.00
Gen/Inc	222.5	236.4e	+1.6	2.08
Do Acc	240.6	256.3e	+1.8	2.08
Growth	291.5	309.8e	+2.1	3.57
Do Acc	474.0	504.3e	+3.3	3.57
Inc 50% Inc	326.0	338.4	+2.4	5.08
Do Acc	408.7	432.7	+2.8	5.08
Master Portf	282.52	07.02e	+1.54	3.01
Do Acc	292.20	97.08e	+0.59	3.01
Spec Sits	65.16	69.32	+0.59	3.19
Do Acc	72.51	77.14	+0.64	3.19
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	10.72	11.08	+0.09	5.48
Do Acc	011.31	11.68	+0.09	5.48
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 692, 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 071-626 0900 071-623 0097				
Amer Index	138.7	148.0	+0.4	2.05
Capit	471.9	502.9e	+2.8	0.86
Euro Index	108.5	116.7	+0.7	1.54
Euro Growth	70.84	75.70	+0.26	2.61
Far East S S	67.53	72.07	+0.21	0.61
Gold Gen S S	65.97	69.73	-0.42	5.19
Income	148.1	479.2e	+2.6	4.86
Intl Gth	61.87	66.02	+0.11	2.12
Jap Index	68.51	70.99	+0.08	0.17
Pacific	90.11	96.08e	+0.2	1.77
Tiger Index	66.91	94.85	-0.18	1.90
UK Index	108.8	116.1	+0.6	4.04
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 5700				
Amer Portf	54.08	58.46	+0.54	2.67
Euro Port	61.06	64.24e	+0.10	1.68
Jap Port	46.31	49.28	+0.67	2.01
Pacific Port	60.86	61.25	+0.20	1.82
Portf	88.58	92.42	+0.06	2.95
UK Inc/Gth	53.95	58.07e	..	6.08
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				
Income	518.7	523.4e	+22.7	5.48
Acc	218.58	18.61	+1.16	
Deposit		100.0		12.20
Fixed Int Inc	110.7	110.9e	+0.10	10.45
Do Acc	120.1	120.3e	+1.05	..
CHINA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 128 Beckenham Kent BR3 4PN Tel: 081-658 3030				
Euro Gth	80.32	85.89	+0.18	1.55
1992 Euro Spc	60.47	64.67	+0.09	1.54
Intl Inc	64.79	69.28	+0.03	3.47
NAm Gth	47.02	51.34	+0.16	1.93
Pacific Gth	77.29	82.64	+0.49	1.91
UK Gth Acc	64.85	90.52e	+0.34	2.92
Do Dist	76.30	80.53e	+0.30	2.92
UK Income	84.38	89.09e	+0.45	6.52
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard London Bridge SE1 Tel: 071-407 5900				
Assets	49.06	52.59e	..	3.56
Back Int Cp Ac	80.85	82.78	..	8.84
Fixr Inc Inc	174.5	184.3	..	11.25
Fixr Inc Cap	204.3	216.5	..	2.70
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 071-283 7500 Dealing: 081-686 9818				
Am Gth	70.94	75.47e	..	2.34
Euro Gth	78.94	83.95	..	1.66
Far East	72.21	76.82e	..	0.80
Inc	65.45	69.63e	..	5.11
Jap	76.5	81.7e	..	5.11
Jap Gen	36.12	38.43	..	0.00
Monthly Inc	42.56	45.28e	..	9.88
Private Inv Pt	62.94	66.57	..	6.27
Do Acc	98.51	99.94	..	6.27
Profess Inv Pt	58.44	62.14	..	2.62
Prog Inv Pt	56.39	59.99	..	3.44
Smlr Cos Inc	29.86	31.7	..	3.23
Do Acc	32.64	34.68	..	3.23
UK/Gen Inc	59.11	67.14	..	4.00
Do Acc	71.12	75.66	..	4.09
World Bond	46.55	48.62e	..	5.81
Wrldwide Sp Sits	48.66	51.71	..	1.50
Do accum	47.01	50.25	..	1.30
Quilter Gen Inc	105.1	111.8e	..	2.09
Quilter Inc Acc	99.39	105.7	..	0.74
Quilter Intl Acc	103.2	109.7e	..	1.04
COMMERCIAL UNION PRESTIGE FUND MANAGEMENT				
(Formerly Regal Trust Fund Management)				
Finance/Prop	88.98	94.64	+0.61	3.38
Fixed/Conv	33.77	35.93	+0.09	9.09
Do Acc	38.29	81.57	+0.17	9.09
Equity Acc	132.8	141.3	+1.27	5.52
Do Acc	382.2	406.5	+3.66	5.52
High Yield Inc	105.1	118.1e	+0.75	8.63
Do Acc	367.0	390.6e	+3.52	8.63
Intl Inc	84.86	90.27	+0.66	1.74
Do Acc	91.88	97.83	+0.04	1.74
Preference Inc	38.83	39.31e	-0.02	11.15
Do Acc	161.5	171.8e	-0.06	11.15
PPT Canada	44.55	47.39	-0.09	0.00
PPT Commod	47.29	50.31	-0.23	4.39
PPT Europe	122.8	131.7	+0.9	0.00
PPT Global	88.46	93.09	-0.11	4.16
PPT Gold	30.37	32.31	-0.58	0.00
PPT Thai	47.31	50.33	+1.66	0.00
PPT HK	44.76	47.61	-0.67	1.76
PPT Jap	109.4	116.4	+0.87	0.00
PPT Stg/M	66.81	71.02	-0.04	0.00
PPT UK	101.3	107.7	+0.87	1.48
PPT US	91.87	97.73	-0.36	1.46
PPT Cash	85.48	90.88	+0.06	13.56
Wrldw Alpha	82.44	86.49e	+0.21	0.00
Do Accum	84.34	88.34e	+0.22	0.00
EPM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 031-225 1627				
Amer	85.61	90.85	+0.28	1.16
Capit	115.7	120.6	+0.4	2.48
Convertible	22.4	23.69	+0.1	5.19
Enrolled	91.58	97.07	+0.20	1.91
Exmpt Mngd	141.7	147.0e	..	3.56
Extra Inc	65.66	70.11e	+0.01	7.40
Growth/Inc	206.0	217.2	+1.2	4.94
High Diet	146.9	158.1	+0.7	9.84
High Inc	108.8	112.7e	+0.5	6.94
Intl	384.6	391.4	+1.2	1.58
Intl Inc	61.46	65.44e	+0.10	0.57
Pacific	35.44	37.85	+0.11	1.38
Smlr Jap Cos	68.29	72.34	+0.37	0.00
Tokyo	169.1	183.3	+1.9	0.00
Ex Asia 2	158.4	169.7e	..	1.58
Ex Jap 3	122.9	130.7	..	0.00
Ex Smlr Jap 4	165.7	181.5	..	0.00
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LG Tel: 0242 518211				
Cntnrl Op Acc	50.01	52.78	+0.17	1.35
Japanese	86.53	88.82	+0.40	0.00
UK Brdsn Inc	96.16	102.3	+0.69	3.41
Do Acc	107.0	113.8	+0.7	3.41
UK Gth Accum	154.5	164.4	+0.3	2.18
UK Hi Inc	116.7	124.2	+1.2	5.60
UK Hi Inc Acc	128.8	136.5	+1.2	5.60
N Amer Acc	73.98	80.70	+0.68	1.13
Euro Acc	109.1	108.7	+0.6	0.25
UK Gth/Fi Inc	54.95	58.31	-0.15	6.16
Do Acc	76.16	80.81	-0.21	6.16
Intl Sp S Acc	40.47	43.05	+0.32	0.85
Emmnt Opp	53.39	56.80e	+0.03	1.42
ENSURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
41, Hanover Gardens London SW7 4AU Tel: 071 373 7381				
Endurance	144.0	153.1	..	2.38
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 434480				
Equitable Pacific	106.5	112.4e	+0.67	4.71
High Inc	113.1	119.0	+0.84	5.93
Gt/Fixed Interest	49.17	51.76	-0.05	9.47
T Gt Inv Tr	111.8	117.5	+0.41	3.06
Spec Sits	94.65	100.0	+0.55	4.06
N Am	71.42	75.19	-0.08	1.32
Far East	77.6	187.0	+0.39	1.26
Intl Gth	75.27	79.23e	-0.09	2.62
Euro	58.80	68.28	+0.22	1.84
Smlr Cos	58.22	58.18	+0.26	6.02
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1BD Tel: 0203 558231				
UK Gth Accum	288.5	276.1e	+2.6	3.59
Do Inc	195.2	207.7e	+1.8	3.66
Higher Inc Acc	481.4	480.9e	+3.7	5.17
Do Inc	300.7	305.3e	+2.4	5.17
Gilt/Fxd Acc	133.5	140.0e	-0.4	9.09
Do Inc	79.59	84.10e	-0.33	9.09
N America	169.2	180.2e	+1.3	0.00
Far East	228.6	241.3e	+2.4	0.66
Europe	229.6	219.8e	+0.6	0.41
Japan	308.8	327.7e	+3.4	0.00
Gen/ Acc	357.4	380.9e	+3.6	3.63
Br Excellence	34.48	67.91	+0.48	3.36
Br Ptfolio Inc	58.22	61.94e	+0.26	6.48
Do Acc	88.35	70.72e	+0.30	6.48
Global Ops	65.80	68.47	+0.58	0.25
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130, Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0732 838000				
American	151.7	160.4	+1.9	0.00
Cash Unit	127.6	e	+0.1	12.61
European	97.33	103.8	+0.18	1.55
Gth/Inc	131.7	141.3	+0.9	4.61
Inc Plus	119.7	128.9	+0.9	6.41
UK Gth	51.58	55.32	+0.28	0.00
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
6th Floor, Exchange Hse Primrose Street London EC2A 2NY Tel: 071-628 8000				
Euro Income	90.18	95.97	+0.43	3.51
Far East	119.8	127.9	+0.7	0.00
Overseas Income	65.87	70.14	+0.34	3.50
UK Growth	73.27	78.00	+0.37	2.53
UK Inc Fund	111.7	118.9	+0.8	4.85
US Smlr Cos	163.8	182.2	+0.2	0.00
FRANKLINSTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155, Bishopsgate London EC2M 3FT Tel: 071-374 4160				
Am Smlr Cos	260.1	276.8	+1.9	..
Do Acc	268.6	276.5	+2.0	..
Am Trnd Inc	200.2	208.3	+1.6	..
Do Acc	200.2	208.3	+1.5	..
Capit Inc	236.5	253.8e	+0.8	3.86
Cont Smlr Inc	316.9	336.0e	+1.3	3.86
Do Acc	42.48	46.54	+0.13	1.67
Cons Inc	42.48	45.54	+0.13	1.67
Conv Inc	106.3	112.0	+0.8	7.99
Do Acc	173.7	184.7	+1.4	7.99
Euro Inc	84.37	94.4	+0.33	0.75
Do Acc	86.72	96.28	+0.35	0.75
Extra Inc Inc	251.3	267.3	+1.5	5.86
Do Acc	320.7	341.1	+1.9	5.86
Financial Acc	61.58	67.38e	+0.32	1.28
Do Inc	61.84	65.77	+0.32	1.28
Inc Trust	166.6	177.2	+0.9	5.21
Do Acc	209.1	222.4	+1.2	5.21
Intl Gth	222.8	236.9e	+2.1	..
Do Acc	247.1	264.5e	+2.3	1.76
Jap & Gen Inc	169.7	170.2e	+1.6	..
Do Acc	181.3	171.9e	+1.5	..
Mangd Port Inc	78.1	83.1e	+0.4	1.76
Do Acc	76.78	80.82e	+0.37	1.76
Monthly Inc	128.0	134.0e	+0.7	9.09
Recov	202.5	220.4	+0.8	1.46
Do Acc	222.9	242.5	+0.9	1.46
Spr Inc	40.69	43.50e	+0.03	4.44
Do Acc	44.42	47.25e	+0.03	4.44
Gilt Gth Inc	67.48	69.29e	+0.20	8.64
Do Acc	82.41	84.98e	+0.22	8.64
Gilt Inc Inc	64.86	67.26e	+0.18	10.44
Do Acc	83.06	85.02e	+0.18	10.44
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing: 0722 411411 Admin: 0722 413022				
Equity Dist	95.4	102.3	+0.64	3.47
Do Acc	537.8	572.2	+1.59	3.47
Euro Gth Dist	80.63	86.06	+0.58	0.76
Do Acc	90.66	96.68	+0.66	0.76
Fixed Int Dist	113.4	119.9e	-0.16	10.44
Do Acc	178.1	188.1e	-0.32	8.94
Int Gth Dist	62.18	66.18	+0.48	0.81
Do Acc	65.48	67.46	+0.41	0.81
N Am Dist	133.3	142.1	+0.9	0.00
Do Acc	141.7	150.8	+1.32	1.29
Pac Basin Dist	197.8	210.4	+2.06	0.16
Do Acc	198.9	212.3	+2.10	0.16
Stand Dist	105.3	112.0	+0.69	4.19
Do Acc	273.4	290.6	-0.09	2.38
Stand Inc Dist	63.58	67.61	+0.20	4.68
Do Acc	80.00	84.88	+0.24	4.63
North Stand Dist	57.98	72.28	+0.26	0.57
Do Acc	71.38	75.88	+0.30	0.57
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
5th Floor, 5, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YD Tel: 071-626 4588 Dealing: 071-626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	78.08	84.59e	+0.17	0.00
UK Dip Inc	148.9	158.5	..	4.11
Do Acc	226.8	242.3	..	4.11
Do Spec Sits	65.85	68.41	+0.14	2.14
Inc Fund	109.8	113.2e	+1.2	7.98
Inc Equity/Gen	179.6	191.2e	+1.0	1.91
UK/Fixed	61.85	64.85	+0.37	9.09
Jap & Gen/I	376.7	398.3e	+3.6	0.00
Do Acc	398.5	108.4	+1.2	0.46
Euro	317.0	337.4e	+1.8	1.15
Germany	84.49	90.08	+0.67	0.00
Intl Inc	53.77	57.33	+0.40	5.86
World Spec Sit	80.30	85.69	+0.25	0.15
Global Prp Inc	47.00	50.27	+0.37	2.66
Do Acc	48.00	51.41	+0.37	2.66
Smlr Cos Div	40.66	43.71	-0.07	5.47
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 38-45 Finsbury Sq, London EC2P 2NJ Tel: 071-638 5757 Dealing: 0277 284231 Switchboard: 0800 289336				
UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	34.17	36.55	+0.26	2.11
CentTrust**	111.75	e	+0.05	12.91
Pract Inv Inc	88.52	94.83e	+0.21	3.75
Do Acc	177.4	189.9e	+0.42	3.75
UK Smlr Cos	96.44	103.4	+0.47	2.54
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	85.09	88.80	+0.39	8.14
Preference	20.48	21.96e	+0.06	12.65
High Inc	32.85	36.15e	+0.23	5.12
Income	108.8	116.8	+1.06	3.54
Intl Fnd Inc	22.26	23.53e	+0.08	0.76
International Trusts				
Gold Int	61.55	66.01	+0.16	4.79
Euroventure	19.30	20.48	+0.12	1.66
Frontier Mkts	32.24	35.43e	+0.09	0.88
Glob Inc/Gth	66.81	92.45e	+0.53	3.77
UK/Int	65.46	91.46	+0.62	5.83
Overseas Trusts				
American	88.98	91.60	+0.63	1.17
Eastern	84.98	88.16e	+0.22	1.19
Euro Sel Opp	85.66	88.98	+0.41	0.38
Asia Emrgng	44.07	47.39	+0.37	0.00
Hong Kong	40.76	80.09e	-0.11	2.02
Japan	172.1	182.5	+1.80	0.00
Pacific Gth	85.92	92.05	+0.21	1.11
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Govett House, 33, Cavendish Square, London W1 Tel: 071-629 7878 Dealing: 071-588 0808				
Intl Gth	101.1	108.3	+0.62	0.00
Amer Growth	78.18	81.47	+0.65	0.00
Euro Growth	88.03	81.83e	+0.14	0.00
Gbl Horizons	41.14	43.93	+0.21	0.00
Jap Growth	71.26	76.34	+0.75	0.00
Pacific Inc	96.4	103.1	+0.8	2.54
Pacific Strat	65.84	70.42	+0.54	0.00
UK Prog Inc	74.68	80.19	+0.05	6.64
Gt British	47.64	50.86	+0.44	2.17
UK Smlr Co	38.07	41.79e	+0.18	4.85
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
33 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE Tel: 071-538 5860				
Cash	114.9	e	+0.1	11.82
Gt/Fixd Interest	107.4	112.8	-0.9	9.13
Gth Equity	288.8	298.5	+1.3	5.15
Guardhill	378.6	390.2	+1.4	3.14
Int Tst	112.8	118.3	+1.6	4.88
Managed	128.2	133.6e	+0.9	3.86
Managed	484.6	510.1	+2	..
N Amer	172.4	182.4e	+1.4	0.90
Pacific	305.8	322.0e	+2.2	0.00
Prop Share	226.0	243.6	-0.3	4.39
Smlr Cos	216.7	229.3e	+0.8	2.57
Euro Trust	316.6	335.0	+0.8	0.37
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 600 Edinburgh EH15 1EW Tel: 0800 289888				
Global Adv Inc	28.66	30.39	+0.06	2.88
Global Adv Acc	28.67	30.61	+0.06	2.88
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Admin. 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 228288				
Amer Equity	49.94	52.99e	+0.20	5.84
Canadian	46.16	48.98	+0.19	1.39
Equity Inc	103.9	110.5	+0.4	7.54
Euro	128.4	136.1e	+0.4	5.12
Gen Inc	71.99	76.34e	+0.28	5.61
Intl Gth	56.13	60.02	+0.11	0.83
Jap & Far East	105.1	101.8e	+0.17	0.00
N Am	73.38	77.48	+0.45	1.47
Scandinavian	104.2	110.5	+0.5	0.34
Smlr Cos	50.82	52.57e	-0.11	2.52
UK New Comm	38.94	42.49	-0.01	1.88
HENDERSON				
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Laying down the law for Europe

Despite industrial recession, law firms in the North set the pace, reports Edward Fennell

As the manufacturing industry in the northwest of England took a battering last month, lawyers in Manchester continued to insist that their business at least was still doing well. "Because we did not have such a boom in the late Eighties as they did in the South, we have not suffered such a bust either," says John Boardman, of Alexander Tatham, the Manchester "branch" of the national grouping Eversheds.

Even so, there are signs of difficulty. Commercial property deals at Salford Quays, the Manchester equivalent of Docklands, are taking longer to negotiate than expected.

Insolvency work is keeping the big law firms busy but, as Christopher Durrant, of recently merged Davies Wallis Foyster, admits, there is little satisfaction in closing down or selling off a long-standing client. "After all, the client is then lost for ever," Mr Durrant says.

In keeping with its status as the regional centre for the northwest, Manchester is well represented by the big names in national networks. In addition to Alexander Tatham as a representative of Eversheds, the city also has Addleshaws, which is part of M5, and Alsop Wilkinson, which straddles Manchester and Liverpool on behalf of the Legal Resources Group.

Wider scope: Roger Pannone, setting his sights on the Continent

Perhaps the two most interesting and impressive firms in Manchester, however, are slightly smaller independent outfits. Pannone March Pearson must be easily the most glamorous legal firm in the region. Presided over by the eponymous Roger Pannone, the firm came into being on March 1 through a merger between Pannone Blackburn and March Pearson & Skelton.

The result is to give Mr Pannone's high profile disaster and criminal work some commercial ballast at a time when the firm is on the brink of a development that will have both national and international repercussions.

My guess is that by this time next year the Pannone name, perhaps through the label Pannone de Backer, the European economic interest grouping that links Pannone with half a dozen firms on the Continent, will be marching forwards to establish a new model for running Europe-wide legal services.

This move will not be enough to worry Clifford Chance or Freshfields but, once the details are out, it could be a concept that other smaller law firms will want to imitate.

An important part of the Pannone plan has been to gain recognition under British Standard 5750 for its quality service and assurance. The firm received the award while it was still Pannone Blackburn.

Of course, many law firms speak of providing quality, but Pannone is the first to have submitted itself successfully to external assessment against national standards. Such recognition should be an example to others.

Although lawyers who are purely money-minded would not be interested in following the Pannone route, Mr Pannone's various firms have shown that you can be morally committed with high professional standards and still make a comfortable living.

The low overheads of working in Manchester make an important contribution to the firm's winning formula. However, at a time when the legal profession is doing some soul-searching about how well it serves society, Pannone March Pearson offers an alternative model that clearly appeals to many young solicitors.

Halliwell Landau is another Manchester firm with an alternative approach. Although it is committed to upmarket commercial work, it has steered clear of groupings and is perhaps one of the few law firms in Britain that undertake high-quality, broadly based, work while still being relatively small — it has a total staff of just over 100.

Characteristically, perhaps, intellectual property is one of Halliwell Landau's great strengths. Jonathan Meakes, one of the firm's intellectual property partners, points out: "The recession is highlighting just how important intellectual property is.

"When engineering companies go into administration, for example, what really turns out to be important are their designs — often far more so than their physical assets. As lawyers, we are realising just how valuable those designs are."

A scientist by training, he has a good enough grip on the technical details to understand the nuances of computer contracts and intellectual property work.

"The poaching of ideas in software development is rife," Mr Meakes says. "However, it gets you into a mass of technical detail which you have to be able to handle to do the job properly."

If there is going to be a northwest industrial revival, Manchester lawyers clearly have both the breadth and the expertise to take care of business.

COMMERCIAL CASES ON HOME GROUND

LEGAL history was made on the northern circuit almost a year ago with the setting-up of what is effectively a "commercial court" for northwest England. For the first time, lawyers were not obliged to travel to London to seek emergency orders in commercial disputes. They could obtain them on their own doorstep.

A specialist centre for commercial disputes outside London came about when Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, appointed Michael Kershaw, QC, to sit as a circuit commercial judge, hearing commercial lists in Manchester and Liverpool. He started last May, and the scheme's success was obvious when in December a second judge already on the circuit, Judge Stannard, was appointed to take on the work in Liverpool. John Rowe, QC, the leader of the northern circuit, says: "The main effect has been an increase in commercial work coming before the court. It is a curious feature of legal life that you provide a court and it almost begets its own business."

A first: Judge Kershaw (left). A benefit: Mr Justice Steyn (right)

The commercial lists came about, he says, because Manchester and Liverpool lawyers found court space and time could not be given for commercial work in the ordinary Queen's Bench Division lists. "There was a lot of crime and family work, so urgent applications had to go to London."

Mr Justice Steyn, the presiding judge of the northern circuit and a judge of the commercial court, wrote recently that until the commercial lists in the North were created, banks, insurance companies and others had to use the commercial court in London or "the non-specialist services of a district registrar or circuit judge in the North".

Commercial clients now have the benefit of specialist judges in the same way as provided for commercial work in London, and for chancery and admiralty work. "The theory that all judges are capable of trying all classes of cases has never appealed much to businessmen," Mr Justice Steyn says. The commercial centre may be the start of a much bigger transfer of work. The centre ties in with general policy at the Bar and Lord Chancellor's department to devolve work to the regions and create specialist centres there. The Bar's recent strategy report said that at present specialist services tend to be concentrated in London. One hope is that judicial review cases, through which governmental decisions are challenged, may next be moved to the circuit's Crown Office lists. Mr Justice Steyn also suggests an "M62 commercial corridor" with circuit commercial judges sitting in Manchester, Liverpool and Leeds. Officials think this is possible, depending on demand.

Meanwhile, the impact goes beyond the courts. The Manchester and Liverpool Law Societies and the local Bar have set up an arbitration scheme, under which businessmen can resolve disputes outside the court system.

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Law Report April 16 1991 House of Lords

Magistrates cannot decide whether extradition case is abuse of process

Sinclair v Director of Public Prosecutions

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths, Lord Ackner and Lord Goff of Chieveley

[Speeches April 11]

In extradition proceedings under the Extradition Act 1870 magistrates had no jurisdiction to decide (a) whether there had been an abuse of the process of the court or (b) whether the requirements of the particular extradition treaty had been satisfied.

The word "prosecution" as used in article V(1)(b) of the Extradition Treaty between the United Kingdom and the United States of America contained in Schedule 1 to the United States of America (Extradition) Order (SI 1976 No 2144) meant that a prosecution ended when the sentence was pronounced. Thus, where sentence had been passed against a fugitive criminal, the bar by lapse of time contained in the article did not apply.

The House of Lords so held dismissing an appeal by the applicant, Mr Phillipe Andre Sinclair, against the respondents, the Director of Public Prosecutions on behalf of the Government of the United States of America and the Governor of Pentonville Prison, from the dismissal on February 19, 1990, by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Nolan) (*The Times* February 23, 1990; [1990] 2 QB 112) of Mr Sinclair's application for a writ of *habeas corpus ad subjiciendum*.

Mr Timothy Cassel, QC and Ronald Jaffa for Mr Sinclair; Mr R. Alun Jones, QC and Mr Philip Singer for the respondents.

LORD ACKNER said that Mr Sinclair, a national of Trinidad, was convicted of four offences in the United States in 1976 and was sentenced to concurrent terms of four years imprisonment in April 1977. He was to report to the Attorney-general on March 6, 1978 so as to begin to serve his sentence. In February 1978 he went to Trinidad and did not return to the United States.

On April 29, 1978, a bench warrant was issued in the United States but no efforts to secure his return were made. Until 1983 Mr Sinclair remained in Trinidad and then came to England. In September 1983 the United States Department of Justice decided to seek Mr Sinclair's extradition.

The department made a formal request for extradition to the United Kingdom Government in 1987. On February 5, 1988, Mr Sinclair was arrested and brought before the Bow Street Stipendiary Magistrate.

The magistrate, in a very short judgment, concluded in the light of the decisions in *Atkinson v United States of American Government* ([1971] AC 197) and *R v Governor of Brixton Prison, Ex parte Kotronis* ([1971] AC 250) that he had no jurisdiction to stay the proceedings on the ground of abuse of the process of the court and further that the prosecution of the offences had not become barred by lapse of time.

On February 18, 1989, the magistrate made a committal order against Mr Sinclair under section 10 of the Extradition Act 1870.

On an application for a writ of *habeas corpus* the Divisional Court concluded that the magistrate had no jurisdiction to consider whether or not there had been an abuse of the process of the court in a case where extradition was sought in relation to a person who had been convicted of an extraditable offence.

Second, a prosecution ended when the sentence was passed and not when the defendant began to serve the sentence. Accordingly, article V(1)(b) had had no application.

The first question was whether the magistrate in extradition proceedings had jurisdiction to consider whether such proceedings might be an abuse of the process of the court. Looking at the scheme of the 1870 Act and *Atkinson*'s case, it appeared that the words of section 10 were mandatory and that there was no room for the implication in the Act of the discretion to stay the proceedings for abuse of the process of the court: see also *Ex parte Kotronis*. Accordingly, the magistrate had no such jurisdiction.

The next question was whether the magistrate had jurisdiction to consider whether the extradition treaty relied upon had been complied with. That question was not decided by the Divisional Court but was expressly reserved by the respondents, but not developed.

It was submitted that article VII(2) of the Treaty envisaged that the request should contain sufficient information for the secretary of state to decide whether articles III and V were satisfied. Articles VII(3) and (4) dealt separately with the question of evidence required for proceedings before the magistrate but they did no more than reflect the provisions of the Act.

Following the receipt of the secretary of state's order to proceed under section 7 of the Act, the magistrate, except in an allegedly "political" case (see section 3(1)), had important but very limited functions to perform as provided for in sections 9 and 10.

The present case being a conviction and not an accusation case the magistrate had to determine only three matters, namely (i) whether the conviction had been properly proved; (ii) whether the conviction was of an "extradition crime" as defined in section 26 of the Act and (iii) whether the defendant was identified as the person convicted.

Assuming the magistrate was satisfied of those three matters he committed the fugitive to prison, there to await the warrant of the secretary of state for his surrender. Under section 10 the magistrate was required to send to the secretary of state a certificate of the committal and "such report upon the case as he may think fit".

It was at that stage that the secretary of state re-appeared on the stage in order to make the decision whether or not to order the fugitive criminal to be surrendered.

Before making such a decision it would of course be his duty to consider such report, if any, made to him by the magistrate and any representations which might have been made to him for or on behalf of the fugitive.

If he acted outside his jurisdiction, his decision could, of course, be effectively challenged by writ of *habeas corpus* or, where appropriate, by judicial review. Those propositions had the support of *In re Nielsen* ([1984] AC 606) and *Government of the United States of America v McCaffery* ([1984] 1 WLR 867) which made it clear that the magistrate had no jurisdiction to consider whether the requirements of the Treaty had been satisfied.

The final question was whether Mr Sinclair's extradition to the United States was prohibited by article V(1)(b) of the Treaty.

The article prohibited extradition if "the prosecution for the offence has become barred by lapse of time according to the law of the requesting or requested party".

Unlike the English common law there was under section 3282 of Title 18 of the United States Code a time limit, namely, five years, on the institution of proceedings. Hence the provision in article VII(1)(c)(iii) that the request for extradition be accompanied by the text, if any, of the law imposing any time limit on the institution of proceedings for that offence.

That was a clear indication that "prosecution" in article V(1)(b) was not intended to encompass, not only the initiation of criminal proceedings and their ultimate resolution, but in addition the commencement of the service of any term of imprisonment that might be imposed.

In the context of the Treaty, a prosecution ended when the sentence, if any, was passed. Accordingly, article V(1)(b) had no application.

Lord Bridge, Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths and Lord Goff agreed.

Solicitors: Halpin-Jarman Partnership, Sittingbourne; CPS, HQ.

Power to set aside leave for review

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Chinoy

Before Lord Justice Bingham and Mr Justice McCullough

[Judgment April 10]

The court's inherent jurisdiction to set aside leave to apply for judicial review which had been granted *ex parte* extended to applications for judicial review of decisions in criminal proceedings as well as to challenges to decisions in civil proceedings.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in granting an application by the Secretary of State for the Home Department for an order setting aside leave granted to Nazir Chinoy to apply for judicial review of the secretary of state's decision to extradite him to the United States of America.

Mr David Pannick for the secretary of state; Mr Clive Nicholls for the applicant.

LORD JUSTICE BINGHAM said that it had been argued that the court had no power to set aside leave granted *ex parte* to apply for judicial review of a decision taken in criminal proceedings. His Lordship rejected that submission.

Order 32, rule 6 of the Rules of the Supreme Court conferred the power to set aside any order made *ex parte* without any limitation.

Finally, there was the principle of law that an order made against a party in his absence should be capable of being set aside.

His Lordship could see no reason for there to be a difference between civil and criminal proceedings. The court could exercise its discretion to set aside leave granted *ex parte* if on *inter partes* argument it decided that *ex parte* leave should not have been given.

However, the power should be invoked very sparingly. The courts would grant such an order only in very plain cases. It would be quite wrong to set aside leave which had been granted unless the issue was very clear.

In the instant case the application for judicial review was based on the ground that article V(2) of the United States of America (Extradition) Order (SI 1976 No 2144) conferred a discretion on the secretary of state to refuse to surrender the applicant to the USA on any other ground which was specified by the law of the United Kingdom.

It was argued that the secretary of state had failed to have regard to the United Kingdom's obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights.

However in the light of the House of Lords decision in *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Brind* ([1991] 2 WLR 588) it was impossible to say that the European Convention was part of the law of the United Kingdom.

There was no doubt that the application could not succeed and the grant of leave should be set aside.

Mr Justice McCullough delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Reynolds Dawson.

Easement cannot be acquired

Simmons v Dobson and Another

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice Beldam

[Judgment March 27]

One leaseholder could not acquire an easement under the doctrine of lost modern grant against another leaseholder holding under the same landlord.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in allowing an appeal brought by the defendants, Christopher and Yvonne Dobson, against the decision of Miss Recorder Steel on July 5, 1989 at Leigh County Court allowing the claim of the plaintiff, John Charles Simmons, for a right of way for all purposes and all times over and along a pathway on the defendant's premises.

Mr Mark Halliwell for the defendants; Mr Guy Vickers for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that the doctrine of lost modern grant presumed from user during living memory, or even during 20 years, that an easement had been granted but had been lost.

In relation to common law prescription generally, user had to be by or on behalf of a fee simple owner against a fee simple owner. An easement could be granted expressly by a tenant for life or tenant for years so as to bind their respective limited interests but such rights could not be acquired by prescription.

It was established on authority that one tenant could not acquire an easement by prescription at common law against another tenant holding under the same landlord. His Lordship thought the position was the same in relation to section 2 of the Prescription Act 1832.

The question was whether the restrictive rule as to prescription by and against leaseholders applied to cases of lost modern grant.

It was difficult to see if one were starting from scratch that there was serious objection to leaseholders prescribing against each other for the duration of their limited interests. However, to introduce such a rule retrospectively now might affect what were hitherto bought and sold as clear titles.

While there appeared to be no case which directly decided that there could be no lost modern grant by or to a person who owned a lesser estate than fee, the *dicta* were to the contrary and were very strong and of long standing. His Lordship took them to represent settled law.

There were difficulties of principle in any departure from that state of law. It was clear that common law prescription and prescription under the 1832 Act were not available by or to owners of less estates than the fee.

Lost modern grant was merely a form of common law prescription. It was based upon a fiction which was designed to meet, and did meet, a particular problem. It would be anomalous to extend the fiction further by departure, in relation to lost modern grant, from the fundamental principle of common law prescription.

Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice Beldam agreed.

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No longer a brief encounter

The days of clients having to travel to London chambers are changing. Barristers are moving closer to the customer. Edward Fennell reports

Four years ago, number 3 Pump Court opened a temporary set of chambers in Winchester, Hampshire, on what Christopher Clark, QC, called a "suck it and see" basis. The results have been so successful that he and his colleagues have just moved into permanent modernised accommodation. Janette Gulleford, the newly appointed chief executive, says the move is a sign of the new mood of efficiency and service that has gripped a growing number of forward-looking chambers.

The Winchester initiative is significant in several ways. First, it shows the benefits, as advocated by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, of getting out of London and closer to the client. Although the chambers were already well known on the western circuit, the practice has found the work has increased enormously since the Winchester opening. Now, about half the members of the chambers are in the new offices and the increased income more than covers the costs of the new building.

Significantly, 3 Pump Court is not the only chambers to have learnt this lesson. The chambers of Maurice Kay, QC, at 3 Paper Buildings, have also recently opened in Winchester. Joss Jossburn, the senior clerk, says the Winchester office will soon house ten of the chambers' 30 barristers, showing that "it is a good catchment area in which to be working".

As well as increasing the amount of work, these regional bases for London sets are also improving efficiency. Barristers who formerly worked mainly from home now have an office where they can meet colleagues, exchange ideas and have access to the library, computer system and storage facilities.

Because accommodation in the Temple is becoming increasingly cramped and expensive, barristers such as Mr Clark have preferred to work from home. However, that arrangement causes professional isolation and deprives the barrister of the office infrastructure. Now that the western circuit Pump Court barristers have facilities on their own doorsteps they say the improvement in productivity and morale is significant.

This is just part of a wider drive for greater effectiveness in the running of chambers. Pump Court's appointment of Ms Gulleford as the chief executive was an important development in streamlining the management of chambers. Her role is to pull together the management, administration and marketing and includes responsibility for the clerks' work and the quality of service given to barristers and clients. Ms Gulleford now spends two days a week in Winchester and three in London. Working with the management team, she is drawing up a long-term strategy and working in a time frame foreign to most chambers. She explains: "Most barristers are unable to look more than a year ahead. We are working on a five-year strategy on all aspects, including information technology."

Simon Lipson, of the recruitment consultants Lipson Lloyd Jones, says there is now a small but detectable trend for progressive chambers to imitate Pump Court and take to heart the Bar Council's recommendations on the need for professional administration.

"I am involved in the recruitment of a number of professional managers for chambers and it seems clear that there is now a significant move away from the old clerking system," Mr Lipson says. "It may take as long as ten years but there is a feeling that the reasons why the Bar has missed opportunities recently include poor administration and the old clerking system."

Traditions in the law die hard but their grip on the Bar seems to be weakening. Chief executives, information technology and salaried clerks are all signs that more and more barristers now concede the need for fundamental change.

JULIAN HERBERT

Efficiency and service: Janette Gulleford's role reflects the mood

Slammed door creaks open

Legal fees conditional on the success of a case will widen access to justice

Legal aid acts this century have sought to give individuals greater opportunity to pursue their legal rights. However, only the very rich and the very poor can risk the High Court casino.

For example, thousands have been affected by the International Leisure Group collapse, and hundreds will lose their jobs. This affair is merely the latest in a series of corporate failures, industrial accidents and environmental catastrophes causing financial loss or physical injury to thousands. Most of these unfortunate people will not qualify for legal aid and will be unable to risk their savings in pursuing a legal remedy.

Those who have the courage to seek redress will often confront large corporations, frequently with insurance backing for legal costs.

As a case progresses and costs mount, an individual often becomes obsessed with the risk of losing everything, even though his claim may have merit. Consequently, those who have been through the legal mill and those who have been frightened away blame the system.

Section 58 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 will enable a client to engage a lawyer under a "conditional fee agreement", whereby the legal costs will be payable only in certain specified circumstances – eventual success, for example. Costs will be calculated subject to a maximum permitted limit. The lawyer will be able to recover a fee that will probably be 10 per cent higher than he would otherwise be paid.

Section 58 is not a panacea but, by reducing the risk, it should help those who might otherwise be intimidated by the horrendous costs of ligitation. The existing "winner takes all" formula is a serious deterrent to those who do not have trade unions or professional bodies to protect them against the financial consequences of failure.

The legislation should promote competition. Less prosperous lawyers might be encouraged to take difficult cases that would be rejected by larger, cost-conscious firms. Lawyers may show greater commitment. Critics will argue that corners will be cut and expenses curtailed, but this is unlikely, given the incentive to succeed. Legal aid encourages parsimonious conduct anyway.

Above all, section 58 must make justice more accessible for those unable to afford expensive litigation.

Some will see the new conditional fee agreements as a sinister development and will trot out the family litany of alleged disadvantages: incentives for "ambulance chasers", temptation for unscrupulous lawyers to act unethically, possible conflicts of interest, financial encouragement for worthless claims and availability only for certain types of court action. Parliament has properly excluded criminal and family proceedings.

The recent consultation paper from the Lord Chancellor's department proposes that section 58 may be restricted to personal injury cases. This would comfort the haemophiliac blood transfusion casualties, but not, for example, the Barlow Clowes victims, although both groups apparently relied for compensation on government largesse rather than legal liability.

Section 58 does not envisage contingency fee litigation along American lines and this is the central point. Although a losing litigant will have to pay no costs to his or her own lawyer, the "winner takes all" system will continue so that he or she will still be liable for the successful opponent's costs.

The individual may also have to provide security for his opponent's costs. Certain abuses may be revealed that may then necessitate tighter safeguards, but the legal system in Britain is loaded against most of its citizens.

Before section 58 can be introduced the Lord Chancellor must consult the judiciary, the Bar and the Law Society, all deeply conservative organisations.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern is seen as a radical Lord Chancellor but he has expressed caution about the proposed reforms. He has the opportunity now to prove his radical credentials by bringing section 58 fully into force. It is irrelevant to suggest that conditional fee agreements will disturb the mechanisms under which British courts operate when the doors of those courts have been effectively slammed in the face of most people for more than a century.

CHRISTOPHER LOWNEY

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INNS AND OUTS

Copy at your cost

MORGAN Stanley's recent £4,030 settlement with publisher IFR after it was caught making 23 unauthorised copies of IFR's book *Warrants Options and Convertibles*, as reported in *The Times* City Diary, is a timely warning to anybody tempted to save money by a quick trip to the photocopier. American publishers in particular are fighting back.

As reported in the *National Law Journal*, one publisher, David Swit, is suing a Washington law firm, Collier, Shannon & Scott, for allegedly repeatedly copying his newsletter, *Product Safety Letter*. His publishing house, Washington Business Information, has a reputation for pursuing alleged illegal copiers and is willing to go to court. If the defendants lose, their trip to the copier may look expensive. WBI received more than $100,000 (about £56,000) in a copyright settlement with a *Fortune 50* company last year.

Employee power

EUROPEAN Community employment ministers are to discuss a proposed European directive on employee involvement in the workplace next month. If passed, the directives will give employees in large organisations with operations in more than one member state the right of consultation on key decisions affecting their companies. The directive will require companies to set up and finance European works councils enabling Europe-wide employees to meet regnlarly.

Only companies with more than 1,000 employees would be affected by the proposal. Although in Britain employers of this size make up only 0.4 per cent of the total number of companies, they account for 34 per cent of manufacturing employment.

Under present EC voting rules, requiring unity among member states to pass the measure, Britain would be likely to veto it. However, the question of majority voting on Community social issues is bring discussed now at the inter-government conference on political union, and the days of unanimous voting may be numbered.

Portrait of justice

ROBERT Dickerson, an Australian artist with his own view of the legal profession, has an exhibition at the England & Co Gallery until April 27. Mr Dickerson, born in Sydney in 1924, had no formal training. He left school at 14 to take up professional boxing. After fighting in Borneo in the second world war, he worked as a labourer, painting at weekends until he sold a work to the National Gallery of Victoria in 1956. Mr Dickerson then took up painting full-time. He is known for his moody landscapes and uncompromising portraits focusing on the lonely, sad and lost. This may explain why the show includes studies of lawyers, judges and court scenes.

Although his legal studies have become collectors' items in Australia, he fell into drawing lawyers by necessity early in his career, as a way of paying his legal bills in kind.

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Other firms, however, seem to be taking a short-term view of their interests. The intake of articled clerks, for example, is now – at the bottom of the recession – being cut back with the predictable result that in two years' time when the economy is recovering there will be a drastic shortage of newly qualified solicitors. A similar example can be seen in the redundancies of excellent conveyancers and commercial lawyers – often of the highest calibre – who will be hard to replace when business picks up. Practice development, too, is being affected, as firms cut back on their expansion into other areas of law. (These measures are often adopted reluctantly, it should be said, after some strong and persuasive advice from the firm's bankers.)

There are firms, on the other hand, which see the present recession as an opportunity to go forward. Instead of being laid off, staff are being organised into marketing teams. Each department draws up target lists and sends its members out to sell their services. When the recession ends, these firms will have enhanced their market position and kept their personnel intact to handle the increase in business.

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A taste for brands that generate sweet millions

Chocolate companies in a tough market are attracting graduates. Derek Morgan considers the qualities needed in recruits

You are the marketing manager of a big FMCG (fast-moving consumer goods) company. You are launching a brand into a crowded marketplace. You must persuade your directors to spend £6 million on marketing and more than £3 million on a new production line. The brand could be worth £30 million in its first year.

For Richard Frost, this is no academic exercise. He is Cadbury's marketing manager for new product development, and the chocolate-maker is launching a new brand named Strollers. The product has been sold in the southeast since January and will be on sale nationally next month.

The chocolate-covered nibbles, made of caramel, biscuit and raisin, emerged from a project begun three years ago to increase Cadbury's share of the adult snack market. The project began with half a dozen ideas but research pointed to a mix of well-tried ingredients, which makes Strollers distinctive. Potential names, including Jukes, Zombies and Dittos, lost to Strollers, which conveys a "leisurely, relaxed feel".

Market research shows 77 per cent of people are willing to buy. Cadbury hopes this is so, as Strollers is getting huge support — television advertising, posters, screens at rail terminals, free samples to five million households, discount coupons, competitions, Oxford Street bus rides.

New product development means market research, commercial and technical studies, and setting up production — and co-ordinating all this is the brand manager. He takes into account that the nation has a sweet tooth and likes novelty and that on average we all eat five chocolate bars a week.

The chocolate industry is competitive and the big three — Cadbury, Mars and Rowntree Mackintosh — account for 80 per cent of sales. Rowntree, the maker of Smarties, KitKat and Rolo, takes graduates for brand management and account management, which involves developing business in cooperation with retail chains via promotions, offers and pack design. John Gentry, Rowntree's staff recruitment manager, who looks for business acumen, says: "Candidates must work well in a team and on their own."

Graduates who aim to market new chocolate favourites need to be good organisers. "You can be the most creative person in the world," Mr Frost says, "but if you cannot plan your own time and organise the effort of others, you will not make it." Brand managers also have to analyse complex data and select what is relevant.

Marketers are not all competitive extroverts. Mr Gentry says: "We look for a balance in the team. A department full of competitive types would not get a lot done." However, drive is essential in an aggressive market. People skills are vital too. Marketers get other people to do things for them.

The attractions of the brand manager's job are early responsibility, intensive training and rapid promotion. Mr Gentry believes confectionery offers "classic FMCG brand marketing experience". Cadbury's marketing training includes a spell as a sales representative, time with an advertising agency, and a month in a factory "getting chocolate stuck to your feet". Mars marketing trainees spend at least six months in another management function such as personnel or finance.

The opportunity to make things happen and the intense team excitement of brand launches are big attractions, but total commitment is needed. Shelley Law, Cadbury's product manager, is now "living, breathing and dreaming Strollers". She works long, unpredictable hours and accepts responsibility for any problems in the huge logistical undertaking of a product launch.

However, not all launches turn into best-sellers. One disappointment was Tribute, the assortment box Cadbury promoted as the gift for men as well as women. Tribute has now ceased production.

Marketing takes graduates from various disciplines. Mr Frost is an electronics graduate who worked in line management and personnel before entering marketing. Ms Law came in via banking and fashion clothes merchandising.

● *Further information: a leaflet "Marketing as a Career", published by the Chartered Institute of Marketing, which also produces a booklet listing higher education courses with a marketing element. Send an A5 stamped addressed envelope to the Chartered Institute of Marketing, Education Division, Moor Hall, Cookham, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 9QH.*

JEREMY WILLIAMS

Productive career: Cadbury brand manager Wendy Richards

PROFILE

The brains behind the products

WENDY Richards, aged 27, is a brand group product manager at Cadbury in Bournville, Birmingham.

She has a BSc (Econ); a business-orientated degree including marketing case studies. Her Edgbaston school has links with Cadbury and, although she had other employment offers, Cadbury was her first choice.

She began as a marketing trainee, with three months as a sales representative. This, she says, was good experience.

"In marketing we are always thinking about the consumer, but being on the road reminds you that you reach them through the retailer," she says.

Wendy has worked on established brands such as Caramel and Curly Wurly and helped to relaunch Fry's Chocolate Cream.

She then moved to new product development and worked on launching the children's line Chomp, before transferring to the Strollers project. She says her job is complex and stressful.

In terms of a marketing career, she says, new product development gives invaluable experience.

"One is constantly double-checking what the consumer wants and whether you can produce it profitably.

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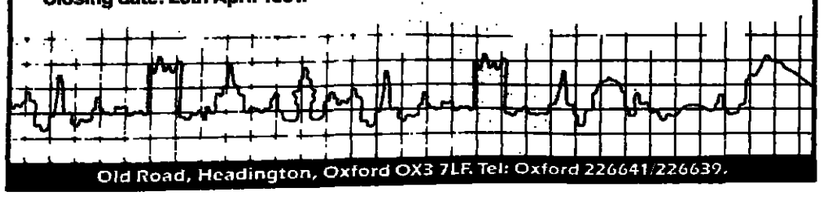

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RUGBY UNION

Women take game back to its roots and realise dream

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

AS THEIR erstwhile rivals returned home yesterday a posse of weary women paused to reflect on their achievements of the last week in organising the first world tournament for women rugby players. If 12 competing countries does not appear, on the surface, to embrace the entire globe it has been, none the less, a considerable success.

The event, which reached its climax on Sunday in Cardiff when the United States beat England 19-6 in the final, has been run on a shoestring, with none of the trappings of the modern men's game — no big sponsors, no back-up, limited accommodation, but huge reserves of enthusiasm and considerable organisational skill. It was a tournament run for players by players who were prepared to risk their own money to bring their particular dream to fruition, and in that sense has taken rugby back to its original and purest roots.

Although the final accounts have yet to be drawn up, the crowd of just under 3,000 for the final ensured that there would be an overall loss of between £10,000 and £15,000, including accommodation costs for the penniless Soviet team. Acts of generosity by individuals and firms and clubs in and around Cardiff could not offset that deficit. After the closing banquet, it was claimed businessmen were prepared to cover any shortfall.

The organising committee deserves such generosity, though there is also a moral responsibility on the men's game to ensure that none of the women is out of pocket: the International Rugby Football Board, the Rugby Football Union and the Welsh Rugby Union were all represented at the final and they have been told how hard the women have worked to keep costs down. Indeed a draft set of accounts will be sent to the Sports Council later this week and it is hoped that the necessary financial assistance may be forthcoming.

"I don't think anyone thought we would actually get it off the ground when we went round looking for sponsors," Deborah Griffin, the organising committee chairwoman, said. "We were never in doubt but we had to convince other people. Now that we have done it the next tournament, in 1994, may be easier."

During the summer, countries interested in hosting the next World Cup can put in bids which will be considered during a meeting in Madrid in September.

Most of the competing countries are affiliated to their men's national union. It is interesting to observe that the Women's Rugby Football Union, the umbrella for the game in the four home countries, is not, which may be the answer to why, when enough women came to believe in a world tournament, they got on and organised one which worked and which indicated the rising standards in such countries as Italy and Spain.

Play-off suggestion for promotion issue

By PETER BILLS

ENGLISH rugby should introduce a system of play-offs to decide promotion and relegation beween the top two divisions of the Courage Clubs Championship. The system, already adopted by the English football authorities in determining a final promotion place, was called for yesterday by Derek Nutt, the Moseley rugby coach.

Defeat at Harlequins on Saturday saw Moseley relegated after losing eight of their ten league matches. Nutt said: "It is too late to save us this season, but the point should be considered. The gap between bottom of division one and top of the second division is enormous. We are going down, yet in club matches this season we have comfortably beaten the leading sides in the second division such as Rugby, Coventry, London Irish and Wakefield. Two of those are sure to come into the first division next season but there is no future in that for them. I cannot see any of the teams coming up surviving."

Bedford, promoted in 1988-9, lost all 11 league matches, scoring 70 points against 467. This season a similar fate has befallen Liverpool St Helens, the second side promoted last year. They, too, have lost all 11 league games, scoring 84 points, with 298 conceded.

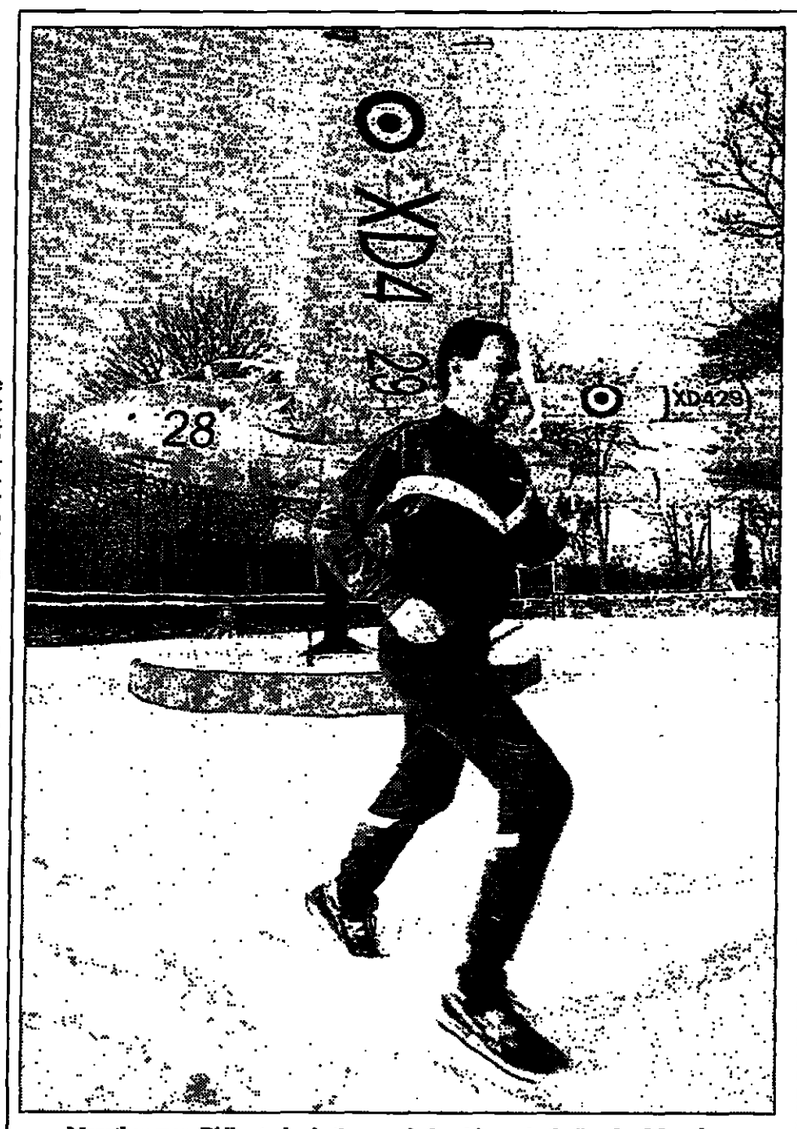
"We would beat any of the promotion candidates comfortably and they are ill-equipped for the standards you find in the first division," Nutt said. "It is another world up here."

Molloy keeps place with England colts

DARREN Molloy, the Old Gaytonians and Middlesex prop, will keep his place in the England colts side to play Scotland at Stirling on Saturday (David Hands writes). Molloy came on as a replacement during the 14-6 defeat by French Youth at Arcachon on Saturday which, despite the result, gave the England selectors considerable encouragement.

Their pack was considerably disrupted by injuries during the game, but hung on well.

ENGLAND COLTS (v Scotland): D Ketteringham (Northampton); J Sleightholme (Hull Ionians), S Thompson (Oxford OB), P McCarthy (Northampton), M Wilks (Bristol); A Handley (De La Salle), M Olsen (Salisbury); D Molloy (Old Gaytonians), M Regan (Bristol), R Merritt (Bromsgrove), D Bourne (Lichfield), M Wright (Loughborough University), M Howells (Wolverhampton), D McKinnon (Durham City), L Dallaglio (Wasps).



Marathon man: Ridley trains in the snow before his run in the London Marathon

Ridley prepares to follow in the footsteps of Fox

By DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

EVEN before the life of the London Marathon began, there was the greatest marathon of them all. The "Marathon of Hope", as the one-legged Terry Fox's run across Canada became known, raised more money for charity than will the entire 25,000-strong field heaving its way from Greenwich to Westminster on Sunday.

Fox ran 25 miles each day for five months, 3,339 miles in all, before having to stop when cancer, which had taken his leg, was discovered in his lungs. Eight months later, Fox died.

Just one day of Fox's work will be enough for Flight Lieutenant Keith Ridley on Sunday, but he will be on a long shift compared with others checking in for their two, three, or four-hours' labour.

"I reckon about seven hours," Ridley, a below-the-knee amputee, said. "I'm going to do it the same way Terry Fox did it, a dot-and-carry-one movement. I'll put my right leg down half as often as my left."

There have been no setbacks during training: he has not done any. He uses a prosthesis attached to his stump. "Every now and again, I tend to wear a hole in the stump, which is painful, and I would rather not do that before I do the 26 miles," Ridley said.

When Ridley lost his leg from six inches below the knee, his place in the RAF should have gone with it. "They talked about throwing me out, but somehow I kept the conversation going over a long enough period and they gave up on the idea and let me continue as aircrew. I have been very lucky."

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Ridley is participating in the ADT London Marathon to raise funds for the Douglas Bader Foundation. He will do so as a member of *The Times*/Unisys London Marathon Appeal team. The foundation provides opportunities for amputees and is saving for a centre of excellence. Aged 34, Ridley was 22 when, like Fox, his leg required amputation because of cancer. "I have been very lucky since I had my leg off because I have managed to get on with my life," Ridley said. "The foundation gives people who are not in the same position as me the chance to do something different."

The Times and Unisys — the official ADT London Marathon computer service — hope that by featuring the efforts of our team of fund runners, we will help them find sponsorship. If you wish to support one or more of them, write clearly stating your beneficiaries to *The Times*/Unisys London Marathon Appeal, Sports Department, *The Times*, 1, Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. We will send on your donations.

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FOOTBALL

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Barclays League
First division

Manchester Utd v Derby (7.45)

Second division

Charlton v Oldham (7.45)
Hull v Millwall
Notts County v Watford (7.45)
Portsmouth v Brighton (7.45)
Wolverhampton v Swindon

Third division

Birmingham v Stoke (7.45)
Bournemouth v Cambridge Utd (7.45)
Brentford v Fulham (7.45)
Crewe v Bolton
Mansfield v Leyton Orient
Swansea v Preston
Wigan v Chester

Fourth division

Aldershot v Burnley
Halifax v Maidstone
Hartlepool v Doncaster
Northampton v Torquay
Peterborough v Gillingham
Rochdale v York
Wrexham v Stockport

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Telford
Barnet v Macclesfield
Bath v Northwich
Runcorn v Yeovil

B and Q Scottish League
Premier division

Motherwell v Dundee Utd

First division

Morton v Raith
Partick v Clyde

FA TROPHY: Semi-final replay: Kidderminster v Witton (at Stafford, 7.45).

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford v Basingstoke; Enfield v Hendon; Hayes v Woking; Staines v Dagenham; Wokingham v Aylesbury. First division: Chesham v Aveley; Dulwich v Boreham Wood; Hitchin v Metropolitan Police; Uxbridge v Yeading; Wembley v Walton and Hersham; Worthing v Chelmsford. Second division north: Basildon v Hornchurch; Finchley v Rainham; Tilbury v Saffron Walden. Second division south: Egham v Epsom and Ewell; Flackwell Heath v Banstead Athletic; Hungerford v Bracknell; Leatherhead v Malden Vale; Southall v Hampton.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE CUP: Final: Buxton v Southport (at Maine Road). President's Cup: Postponed: Witton v Bangor. Premier division: Fleetwood v Gainsborough; Shepshed v Frickley. First division: Hereford v Eastwood Town; Irlam v Warrington; Lancaster v Bridlington Town.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton v Dorchester; Crawley v Wealdstone; Dartford v Waterlooville (7.45); Dover v Worcester (7.45); Farnborough v Gloucester; Gravesend v Bashley. Midland division: Bedworth v Corby; Bilston v Dudley; Redditch v Spalding; Stourbridge v Leicester Utd; Stroud v Hednesford; Tamworth v Newport AFC. Southern division: Ashford v Yate; Buckingham v Dunstable; Newport IOW v Witney; Salisbury v Sudbury.

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JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Braintree v Wroxham; Great Yarmouth v Brantham Athletic; Halstead v Lowestoft; Harwich and Parkeston v Felixstowe; Tiptree v Newmarket; Wisbech v March.

WEEKLY WYNNER LEAGUE: Premier division: Maltby MW v Thackley

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cheltenham v Gloucester (7.0); Newbridge v Ebbw Vale (7.15).

CRICKET

LORD'S: MCC v Middlesex (11.30 to 6.30)
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Mrs Caroline Wigley, Assistant Chief Executive (Personnel & Organisational Development),
Management Recruitment Unit,
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South Birmingham HEALTH AUTHORITY

LEGAL NOTICES

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Notice of appointment of Administrative receiver
SEA FILM JEWELLERS AND PHOTOGRAPHICAL WHOLESALES AND RETAILERS LIMITED
Registered number: 1587435.
Nature of business: JEWELLERY AND PHOTOGRAPHIC RETAILERS. Trade Classification: 22 and 24. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 26 March 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: BANCO EXTERIOR INTERNATIONAL S.A.
Joint Administrative Receivers: MARTIN FISHMAN AND JOHN A. TALBOT, (office holder nos. 6470 and 2731) Address: ARTHUR ANDERSON & CO. P.O. BOX 55 1 SURREY STREET LONDON WC2R 2NT.

W.J. DAY LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 1st May 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 of ses of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 5th day of April 1991.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
WILLIAM DAY
DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
FAIR-A-WAY HEATING LIMITED
(In Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 65/67 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1BX on the twenty ninth day of April 1991 at 1.00 in the afternoon for the purpose of considering a report on the events leading up to the appointment of receivers, progress in the receivership and to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
Dated this eleventh day of April 1991
M D GERCKE
Joint Administrative Receiver
NOTES
1. A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details of the amount claimed to be due from the company have been lodged with me at Price Waterhouse, 65/67 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1BX, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before that fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
2. Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a form of proxy is included herewith. A proxy should be lodged with me, if possible, before the meeting.
3. A company may vote either through a representative producing a certified copy of a board resolution appointing him, or by proxy.
4. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance, if any, of his debt after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. He must lodge in accordance with note 1 a statement giving the particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which he assessed it. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
MR FRANCIS ASSOCIATES
(In Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 65/67 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1BX on the twenty ninth day of April 1991 at 10.30 in the morning for the purpose of considering a report on the events leading up to the appointment of receivers, progress in the receivership and to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
Dated this eleventh day of April 1991
M D GERCKE
Joint Administrative Receiver
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PUBLIC NOTICES

BASZUCKI. MIKOLAJ BASZUCKI otherwise MYKOLA BASZUCKI, late of 59 Oxford Road, West Bromwich, West Midlands died At West Bromwich on 17th February 1985 (Estate about £8,000)

BRENNAN, WILLIAM 'BRENNAN otherwise WILLIAM JOSEPH BRENNAN, late of St. Thomas' Hospital, Lambeth, London SE1, died There on 7th October 1987 (Estate about £14,000)

BURDETT nee DARCY, SELINA ADELAIDE BURDETT, nee DARCY, Widow, late of 71, Church Rise, Chobham, Surrey died At Kingston-Upon-Thames, Surrey, on 23rd July 1988 (Estate about £8,600)

COSTA, NELLIE COSTA, Spinster late of 35 Rosedale Road, Forest Gate, London E7, died At Whitechapel, London E1, on 5th October 1989 (Estate about £18,000)

FORD, ERNEST EDWARD FORD late of 27 Moore Close, 13-16 St. Leonards Mortlake, London SW14, died At Roehampton, London SW15, on 12th January 1991 (Estate about £30,000)

FORNETT, FLORANCE MICHAEL FORNETT otherwise MICHAEL JOHN FORNETT late of 27 Shorters Avenue, Warstock, Birmingham, West Midlands died There on 25th November 1989 (Estate about £21,000)

HEWITT otherwise NEWMAN, GEORGE HEWITT otherwise GEORGE EDWARD NEWMAN late of Turner Villas Hospital, Colchester, Essex died There on 24th March 1989 (Estate about £9,000)

HIGGINS, ERIC HIGGINS late of 15 Merrikes Road, Sidcup Kent died at Sidcup on 12th March 1990 (Estate about £85,000)

LAMBERT nee JONES, FLORENCE MAY LAMBERT nee JONES, widow late of 1 Spruce Avenue, Rhyl, Clwyd died at Rhyl on 22nd October 1988 (Estate about 10,000)

PETTY, DENNIS PETTY late of Howgate, Barnet Road, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire died at Camden, London NW3 on 11th June 1990 (Estate about £70,000)

ROSENZWEIG otherwise ROSSE, JACK DENNIS ROSENZWEIG otherwise JACK DENNIS ROSSE late of 18 Beechcroft Court, Beechcroft Avenue, Golders Green, London NW11 died at Camden, London NW1 on 25th December 1989 (Estate about £68,700)

SCOTT nee BLACKWELL, FRANCES MAY SCOTT nee Blackwell, Widow late of 12 Rotherby Avenue, Leicester died at Leicester on 11th January 1990 (Estate about £23,000)

THOMSON, RHODA MARY THOMSON, Spinster late of The Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, Hampstead, London NW3 died there on 23rd January 1989 (Estate about £10,000)

TURTON — ROBERT HUGH TURTON late of 24, Sandbeck Avenue, Skegness, Lincolnshire died There on 10th November 1990 (Estate about £35,000)

WALL, EDITH WALL, Widow late of 150 Gladale Drive, Bilborough, Nottingham died at Nottingham on 10th June 1990 (Estate about £8,200)

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

BROWN, ELSIE LEWIS BROWN OTHERWISE ELSIE BLANCHE BROWN Spinster, Late of 3 Mall Chambers, Kensington Mall, London W.8. Died at Chelsea, London S.W.10 on 27th June 1988 (Estate approx. £7,000)

The kin of the above named are requested to Apply to the Midland Personal Financial Services, 47 London Road, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 6RX.

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SCOTTISH AMICABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the One Hundred and Sixtyfifth Annual General Meeting of the Members will be held in The Albany Hotel, Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 7EN on Wednesday 24th April 1991 at 5.00 p.m.

By Order of the Directors
J. C. MITCHELL
Secretary
150 St Vincent Street
Glasgow G2 5NQ
13th March 1991.

Lilian Bayliss can pass classic test

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

THE Flat season gets into top gear at Newmarket today with the start of the three-day Craven meeting.

Twelve months ago, Michael Stoute and Walter Swinburn joined forces to capture the Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes with Heart Of Joy. Now the same combination has a good chance of winning the same prize with Lilian Bayliss.

Lightly campaigned as a two-year-old, this daughter of Sadler's Wells began by running a promising second over six furlongs at Newbury in August.

She did not reappear for eight weeks, but showed just how much she had benefited from that initial outing by turning a slightly longer race at Chester into a procession.

Lilian Bayliss was five lengths ahead of So Romantic, who has already upheld the form this spring by finishing a close second in the Masaka Stakes at Kempton.

Opposition to Lilian Bayliss today comprises Dangora and Cloche D'Or, who were separated by a neck when they finished second and third on similar terms in last year's Lowther Stakes at York, Crystal Gazing and the maiden Tetradonna, who was such a promising third behind Junk Bond in the Houghton Stakes here last October.

Of the four, I'm afraid of Crystal Gazing the most. She a the most impressive winner of the Blue Seal Stakes at Ascot last September on fast ground, but at Newmarket a month later, she struggled to win the Rockfel Stakes on softer going.

However, Crystal Gazing is likely to find the concession of 3lb to Lilian Bayliss a problem, especially since the victories of Stop Press and Pfalz at Beverley and Warwick on Saturday were a clear indication that Stoute already has his three-yer-old fillies in good form.

Lilian Bayliss can become the second leg of a double for Stoute, to be triggered by Desert Sport winning the Keylock's Challenge Trophy in the hands of Pat Eddery.

If my information is correct, Desert Sport has inherited a fair proportion of his sire Green Desert's considerable speed, and he is my nap.

Eddery can go on to land a double by winning the Abernant Stakes on Osario.

Victory for this Richard Hannon-trained four-year-old will be no more than he deserves following that luckless performance at Kempton on Easter Monday when he was a clear winner on merit, prior to being disqualified for crossing over to the rails too quickly.

What the race showed though was that Osario, who will love racing on today's fast surface, is back in the form that enabled him to run such a good second in last year's Free Handicap.

Willie Carson also harbours sound prospects of landing a doubled with Alrayed (2.0) and Takaddum (4.40).

The distance of the Constant Security Maiden Stakes will suit Alrayed, who is by Alydar out of a mare who was the champion three-year-old filly in the United States in 1984.

SELECTIONS

MANDARIN
2.00 Alrayed. 2.30 Galway Gal. 3.00 Lacidar. 3.30 Christmas Holly. 4.00 Oh Why. 4.30 Knights. 5.00 Barge Boy.

THUNDERER
2.00 Lord Rinus. 2.30 Galway Gal. 3.00 Speech. 3.30 Christmas Holly. 4.00 Paddy Hayton. 4.30 Easy Over. 5.00 Royal Fool.

Brian Beel: 4.00 Oh Why.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.0 ROAD SHOW NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,463: 2m) (9 runners)

1 2124 APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 31 (D,G) G Moore 11-13 M Dwyer
2 4160 LORD RINUS 25 (D,F) G Richards 11-9 ..... N Leach (7)
3 F312 RAWAAN 15 (D,BF,F,S) N Tinkler 11-3 ..... G McCourt
4 3 DIVILMINT 10 C Tinkline 10-13 ..... R Bellamy (3)
5 65 MARSH'S LAW 14 O Brennan 10-13 ..... M Brennan
6 06 QUICK TEMPO 165F Mrs S Bradburne 10-11 ..... R Fahey
7 2 MISTER'S SISTER 249 M Hammond 10-8 ..... P Niven
8 P LORD MAGESTER 39F J Johnson 10-5 ..... Ger Lyons
9 40 DEPARTURE 65 H Alexander 10-0 ..... A Orkney

9-4 Applianceofscience, 100-30 Mister's Sister, 9-2 Rawaan, 7-1 Marsh's Law, 8-1 Divilmint, 10-1 Lord Rinus, 25-1 others.

2.30 CASTLE EDEN NOVICES HURDLE (£1,463: 3m 2f 160yd) (18)

1 0058 EQUINOCTIAL 8 (S) N Miller 8-11-7 ..... A Heywood (7)
2 5140 PALANQUIN 15 (B,S) W Reed 9-11-7 ..... T Reed
3 212P GALWAY GAL 171 (F) M Hammond 7-11-2 ..... P Niven
4 P58 ABE MY BOY 15 T Gibson 10-11-0 ..... J O'Gorman (3)
5 BILLIBANG G Cosgworth 5-11-0 ..... C Grant
6 FFF3 DAVBATON 14 J Parkes 9-11-0 ..... N Smith (5)
7 060 FOSTERS FOLLY 39 J Walmsley 5-11-0 ..... —
8 -560 GUTE NACHT 14 (B) O Brennan 6-11-0 ..... M Brennan
9 PF03 JURANSTAN 24 (B) C Dwelline 6-11-0 ..... R Bellamy
10 UPP4 LUCKY FELLOW 15 Mrs E Slack 9-11-0 ..... —
11 P PADDINGTON BEAR 24 T Tate 7-11-0 ..... G Bradley
12 -030 STAND AT EASE 22 W Storey 6-11-0 ..... K Doolan
13 0-P0 POLITE LADY 6 Mrs G Reveley 7-10-9 ..... R Hodge (7)
14 0-P0 TELL ME NO MORE 14 Mrs B Broad 7-10-9 ..... C Dennis (3)
15 0U30U TOCHISKA 62 R Juckes 7-10-9 ..... A Jardine (5)
16 6684 IRISH FLASHER 15 J Jefferson 4-10-6 ..... B Dalton (7)
17 050P LITTLE SARFRONS 22 (B) T Cunningham 4-10-6 ..... S Cunningham
18 00R0 RURAL OUTFIT 8 M Dods 4-10-6 ..... A Merrigan

9-4 Irish Flasher, 3-1 Juranstan, 9-2 Palanquin, 6-1 Galway Gal, 10-1 Equinoctial, 16-1 Stand At Ease, 20-1 others.

3.0 BARCLAYS BANK HANDICAP CHASE (£3,158: 2m 4f) (14)

1 554P CLEVER FOLLY 12 (CD,F,S) G Richards 11-12-0 N Doughty
2 F106 TRESIDDER 12 (CD,G,S) M W Easterby 9-11-13 ..... L Wyer
3 1302 LACIDAR 15 (CD,F,G,S) J Johnson 11-11-7 ..... Ger Lyons
4 F41F LAURIE-O 12 (CD,F,S) Mrs G Reveley 7-10-10 ..... P Niven
5 4U35 SPEECH 14 (C,D,F) W A Stephenson 8-10-5 ..... C Grant
6 3634 MASNOON 14 (C,F,G,S) J Eyre 8-10-5 ..... M Dwyer
7 111F CAUTIOUS PETE 181 (BF,F,G) W Page 8-10-5 Mr K Johnson
8 1323 CHOCTAW 22 (CD,F,S) P Beaumont 7-10-0 ..... P A Farrell
9 0045 PEOPLE'S CHOICE 15 (D,F) W A Stephenson 8-10-0 A Merrigan
10 452P AINSTY FOX 15 (CD,G,S) B Ellison 7-10-0 ..... N Smith (5)
11 400P CHIPCHASE 14 (CD,F,G,S) B Wilkinson 11-10-0 R Hodge (7)
12 05UP LIGHT TRAVELLER 15 (F) R Barr 11-10-0 ..... A Orkney
13 22-5 DALTON DANDY 167 V Hall 9-10-0 ..... Mr P Jenkins (7)
14 -310 IN THE BREEZE 42 (F) P Blockley 10-10-0 ..... C Kellett

3-1 Lacidar, 7-2 Laurie-O, 9-2 Tresidder, 13-2 Cautious Pete, 8-1 Clever Folly, 12-1 Choctaw, 16-1 Speech, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: T Tate, 7 winners from 18 runners, 43.8%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 20 from 75, 26.7%; N Tinkler, 5 from 20, 25.0%; G Moore, 25 from 115, 21.7%; Mrs G Reveley, 38 from 181, 21.0%; J Jefferson, 6 from 31, 19.4%.

JOCKEYS: R Hodge, 5 winners from 15 rides, 33.3%; G McCourt, 8 from 26, 30.8%; A J Quinn, 4 from 15, 26.7%; G Bradley, 18 from 68, 26.5%; M Dwyer, 38 from 157, 24.2%; L Wyer, 23 from 100, 23.0%.

3.30 VAUX BREWERIES SEDGEFIELD CHAMPION NOVICES CHASE (£3,054: 2m) (14)

1 0FP5 AFRICAN SAFARI 3 (D,F) Mrs S Smith 7-11-8 D Wilkinson
2 1068 AZUSA 33 (CD,BF,F,G) M Hammond 8-11-9 ..... N Doughty
3 3-12 CHRISTMAS HOLLY 27 (CD,BF,F,G,S) Mrs G Reveley 10-11-9 P Niven
4 4606 ENCHANTED COURT 35 (C,S) R Lamb 7-11-3 R Garritty
5 3134 LEACROFT 17 (CD,G) W Haigh 7-11-3 ..... Ger Lyons
6 -FP5 MALICHO 15 (G) T Donnelly 8-11-3 ..... C Kellett
7 3632 PHOTINIA 14 (F,G) T Fairhurst 8-11-3 ..... F Perratt (7)
8 46-5 SONSIE MO 31 (CD,F) Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-3 Mr J Bradburne
9 640U WHEELIES NEWMEMBER 15 Mrs A Hamilton 8-11-3 Miss P Robson (7)
10 21F3 CORNET 33 (V,D,BF,G,S) Denys Smith 5-11-0 ..... C Grant
11 0582 LINGHAM MAGIC 15 (B) J Swiers 6-10-12 ..... Mr S Swiers
12 P120 BARON TWO SHOES 12 (S) P Blockley 5-10-8 K Doolan
13 544P DINSDALE LAD 39 M Barnes 5-10-8 ..... F Murtagh (7)
14 -110 KEEP BIDDING 171 (B,CD,F) M W Easterby 5-10-8 L Wyer

6-4 Christmas Holly, 9-4 Cornet, 7-1 Baron Two Shoes, 12-1 Lingham Magic, 16-1 Keep Bidding, Leacroft, 20-1 Azusa, 33-1 others.

4.0 ZETLAND HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,792: 3m 2f 160yd) (10)

1 5110 PADDY HAYTON 11 (CD,F,G,S) S Leadbetter 10-12-2 R Shiels (5)
2 30-3 DOUGLAS BRIG 31 (CD,F,G) N Hargreave 13-11-7 N Hargreave (7)
3 /F-6 HELLCATMUDWRESTLER 14 H Bell 10-11-7 M Atkinson (7)
4 6 JORDANSTOWN HOUSE 41 Mrs A Barnett 9-11-7 Miss K Barnett (7)
5 540- MOONS QUADRILLE 431 (CD,F,S) Mrs S Gospel 15-11-7 H Brown (7)
6 -063 OH WHY 27 (D,BF,F,S) W A Stephenson 9-11-7 J Greenall (3)
7 0/F- KEMCROSS 511 R Layland 11-11-2 ..... R Ford (7)
8 36-5 NOT QUITE A LADY 41 C Holden 12-11-2 Mrs L Ward (7)
9 5-4U DAKLANDS GREY 29 R Rose 9-11-2 Miss A Newton (7)
10 445P SISTER SAM 167 Mrs J Aslew 11-11-2 ..... N Tutty (5)

5-4 Paddy Hayton, 13-8 Oh Why, 7-1 Douglas Brig, 12-1 Moons Quadrille, 16-1 Sister Sam, 20-1 others.

4.30 ACROPOLA HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,637: 2m) (13)

1 3611 THREEOUTOFFOUR 15 (D,G,S) O Brennan 6-11-10 M Brennan
2 2146 MAGIC AT DAWN 213 (D,F) G Moore 6-11-7 G McCourt
3 F6UP STAGS FELL 8 (CD,F,G) G Moore 6-11-6 ..... N Bentley (7)
4 1341 EASY OVER 6F (C,D,F,G,S) G Moore 5-11-5 ..... M Dwyer
5 5663 CHASERS' BAR 15 (CD,F) J Swiers 6-10-11 Mr S Swiers
6 551 KNIGHTS 15 (G) Mrs S Oliver 5-10-11 ..... R Hyett
7 -220 GALLOWAY RAIDER 111 (BF,S) Denys Smith 7-10-6 D Crossman (7)
8 6401 HIGHFIELD PRINCE 15 (CD,F,G) R O'Leary 5-10-5 L Wyer
9 -02F ACHILTIBUIE 143 (F) W Crawford 7-10-2 M Maloney (5)
10 2-00 FEELING ROSEY 17 (D,G,S) D Todd 9-10-0 ..... A J Quinn
11 153/ STRANGELY QUIET 904 (D,F) T Donnelly 9-10-0 C Kellett
12 /0F BELLA BANUS 132 (CD,G,S) J Bricett 9-10-0 J O'Gorman (3)
13 /3-0 BOYNTON 14 J Johnson 8-10-0 ..... P Murtagh (7)

7-2 Knights, 4-1 Easy Over, Threeoutoffour, 13-2 Chasers' Bar, 8-1 Highfield Prince, 12-1 Galloway Raider, 14-1 others.

5.0 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,895: 2m) (18)

1 6020 BARGE BOY 28 (BF) J Old 7-10-10 ..... C Llewellyn
2 000 DAVARA 8 S Leadbetter 5-10-10 ..... C Hawkins
3 DONERAILE COURT 7 Gibson 6-10-10 ..... R Garritty
4 4042 MARCH AHEAD 8 (BF) W A Stephenson 5-10-10 Mr K Johnson
5 P MEZZOTINT 210 J Wade 5-10-10 ..... K Jones
6 -460 PAMELA'S LAD 8 M Hammond 5-10-10 ..... L Wyer
7 /03P PERFECTLY POSSIBLE 99 R Earnshaw 6-10-10 D Byrne
8 0P-P ROMAN NAUT 15 B Wilkinson 5-10-10 ..... G Harker
9 0 ROYAL FOOL 57 D Eddy 5-10-10 ..... G McCourt
10 5-0P SAUCY TOUCH 35 R Swiers 5-10-10 ..... Mr S Swiers
11 030 TAVAMAROO 14 Mrs G Reveley 5-10-10 ..... P Niven
12 40P0 VIMCHASE 15 D McCune 5-10-10 ..... A Merrigan
13 05P EMMA JOE 15 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-5 ..... M Dwyer
14 -PF4 LOTHIAN ROSE 8 W Crawford 5-10-5 ..... M Maloney (5)
15 0/ MARCHELLION 791 T Cunningham 7-10-5 S Cunningham
16 0 PATRUSIKA 14 C Thornton 5-10-5 ..... D Wilkinson
17 -340 POPPADOM 15 J Turner 5-10-5 ..... C Grant
18 20-0 SUPREME ISSUE 77 J Glover 5-10-5 ..... M Brennan

5-2 Barge Boy, 3-1 March Ahead, 7-2 Lothian Rose, 7-1 Poppadom, 12-1 Emma Joe, 16-1 Tavamaroo, 20-1 others.

Shadayid faces a tough Newbury examination

SHADAYID, a warm 11-8 favourite for the 1,000 Guineas, is set to face tough opposition when she puts her classic aspirations to the test in Friday's Gainsborough Stud Fred Darling Stakes.

Chicarica and Only Yours, both 14-1 with William Hill for the classic, were confirmed as probable runners at Newbury after being pulled out of today's Nell Gwyn Stakes.

Shadayid is attempting to follow in the footsteps of her trainer John Dunlop's Salsabil, who won the corresponding event at Newbury last year before going on to win the 1,000 Guineas.

Radwell, who was found to be lame at the weekend, may still make it to the Craven Stakes line-up. His trainer James Fanshawe, said yesterday: "He was exercised this morning and the signs are encouraging for Thursday."

SELECTIONS

MANDARIN
2.00 Alrayed.
2.35 DESERT SPORT (nap).
3.10 Lilian Bayliss.
3.40 Osario.
4.10 Double Entendre.
4.40 Takaddum.
5.10 Wakashan.

THUNDERER
2.00 Shelegai.
2.35 Desert Sport.
3.10 Crystal Gazing.
3.40 Osario.
4.10 TIDEMARK (nap).
4.40 Turbofan.
5.10 Gulf Sailor.

MICHAEL SEELY
2.35 Desert Sport.
3.10 Crystal Gazing.
5.10 GULF SAILOR (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Shelegai. 2.35 DESERT SPORT (nap). 5.10 Wakashan.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 OSARIO.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.0 CONSTANT SECURITY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,425: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

101 (7) 0- ALRAYED 165 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 ..... W Carson —
102 (4) 4-5 HUNDRA 15 (B) (Y Nasib) P Kelleway 9-0 ..... A Cruz 93
103 (5) LIMBALI (J Ruddy) F Durr 9-0 ..... G Baxter —
104 (3) 583-3 MILLION MILES 14 (J Bradley) B Hills 9-0 ..... M Hills 79
105 (9) 5- SHELEGAI 165 (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 9-0 ..... S Cauthen —
106 (1) STROUBIA (W Said) N Callaghan 9-0 ..... Pat Eddery —
107 (2) 4 TSUNAMI 14 (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 9-0 ..... M Roberts 70
108 (8) 22-2 YOUNG BUSTER 15 (Exors of the late Mr E Moller) G Wragg 9-0 ..... G Carter ● 99
109 (6) 0 BAGAUCHE 15 (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 8-9 ..... B Raymond —

BETTING: 9-4 Shelegai, 3-1 Alrayed, 5-1 Young Buster, 13-2 Stroubia, 8-1 Hundra, 10-1 Tsunami, 12-1 Million Miles, 14-1 others.

1990: SLOW EXPOSURE 9-0 Pat Eddery (8-1) M Channon 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

HUNDRA one-paced 14½l 5th of 19 to Fly Away Soon at Kempton (1m 2f, good) with SAGAUCHE 12½l 12th. LIMBALI is Touching Wood half-brother to Irish 1m 4f winner Down The Line. MILLION MILES 7¼l 3rd to Masish at Warwick (1m 2f 170yd, good) with TSUNAMI 4l 4th. SHELEGAI, who holds a St Leger entry, 11½l 5th to Polish King at Newmarket (1m, good) with ALRAYED 8½l 10th. STROBIA is Nordance half-brother to 1m 2f winner Shannon Express. YOUNG BUSTER 1l 2nd to Prince Rupesco at Nottingham (1m 2f, good); previously neck 2nd to Full Of Pluck at York (7f, good to firm) in October.
Selection: YOUNG BUSTER

2.35 KEYLOCK'S CHALLENGE TROPHY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,659: 6f) (14 runners) C4

201 (2) DESERT SPORT (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 ..... Pat Eddery —
202 (5) 0- DUPLICITY 173 (J Khan) L Holt 9-0 ..... J Reid 72
203 (13) FIFTH OF APRIL (Mrs E Jackman) S Dow 9-0 ..... Paul Eddery —
204 (14) KEMPINSKI (Lord Weinstock) L Cumani 9-0 ..... L Dettori —
205 (11) MAHSUL (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0 ..... W R Swinburn —
206 (4) 440020- PARIOS 165 (N Azar) J Payne 9-0 ..... B Raymond 89
207 (1) 343-5 SHEDAD 15 (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 ..... W Carson ● 98
208 (10) TANGO TIME (R Shannon) R Hannon 9-0 ..... M Roberts —
209 (6) 00- TSAR ALEXIS 189 (J Bradley) B Hills 9-0 ..... M Hills —
210 (12) 0- YOUNG DUKE 214 (C Budd) M Usher 9-0 ..... J Kennedy 77
211 (7) BARLOGAN (J Sacks) C Wall 8-9 ..... R Cochrane —
212 (9) 0060- BLACKWELLS GALLERY 193 (Mrs D Blackwell) R Hannon 8-9 ..... B Rouse 78
213 (8) 04- DOMINIE STAR 196 (J Hunt) R Whitaker 8-9 ..... A Culhane 82
214 (3) 0- MOVEABLE FEAST 305 (D Harrison) R Williams 8-9 ..... J Williams —

BETTING: 2-1 Desert Sport, 5-2 Kempinski, 9-2 Mahsul, 8-1 Shedad, 10-1 Tango Time, 12-1 Tsar Alexis, 14-1 others.

1990: ZANONI 9-0 B Raymond (4-5 fav) M Jarvis 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

DESERT SPORT is Green Desert half-brother to several winners including the useful Malsuk, who won over this trip as a juvenile. DUPLICITY never dangerous 8½l 9th of 19 to West Riding at Newbury (6f, good). KEMPINSKI is by Valiyar out of a dam who won over 1m in France. MAHSUL is by Ela-Mana-Mou out of a dam who won over 5f as a juvenile. PARIOS 7l 2nd to Rewaabe at Catterick (5f, good to soft) in October. SHEDAD refused to settle when tailed off 5th of 5 to Green's Fernsley at Nottingham (1m 50yd, good); better judged on 4¾l 3rd to Surrealist at Sandown (7f, good) in September. TANGO TIME is Music Boy half-brother to 1m winner Take A Liberty out of a dam who scored over 6f to 1m. TSAR ALEXIS 13l 9th to 16 to Dumeltor at Folkestone (6f, good). DOMINIE STAR running-on 4¾l 4th of 13 to Emilia Romagna at Newcastle (6f, good).
Selection: SHEDAD

3.10 SHADWELL STUD NELL GWYN STAKES (Group II: 3-Y-O fillies: £21,276: 7f) (5 runners) C4

301 (3) 233135- CLOCHE D'OR 215 (F) (Mrs C Pateras) C Brittain 8-12 ..... M Roberts 94
302 (4) 211- CRYSTAL GAZING 179 (F,G) (CD) (Mrs A Chapman) L Cumani 8-12 ..... L Dettori ● 99
303 (1) 112- DANGORA 236 (F) (BF) (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-9 ..... Pat Eddery 85
304 (2) 21- LILIAN BAYLISS 175 (S) (D) (R Sangster) M Stoute 8-9 ..... W R Swinburn 90
305 (5) 3- TETRADONNA 178 (Mrs S O'Brien) D Elsworth 8-9 ..... S Cauthen 85

BETTING: Evens Crystal Gazing, 11-8 Lilian Bayliss, 15-2 Tetradonna, 14-1 Dangora, 16-1 Cloche D'Or.

1990: HEART OF JOY 8-9 W R Swinburn (5-6 fav) M Stoute 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CLOCHE D'OR 2½l 5th of 17 to Nazoo at Doncaster (8f 110yd, good); earlier beat Only Yours 1½l in group II Princess Margaret Stakes at Ascot (6f, good to firm) in July. CRYSTAL GAZING all out to hold late challenge of Lee Artists by short head in group II Bottisham Heath Stud Rockfel Stakes at Newmarket (7f, good) in October; previously easily beat Fairy Flax 4l at Ascot (6f, good to firm). DANGORA head 2nd to Only Yours in group II Pacemaker Update Lowther Stakes at York (6f, good to firm) in August with CLOCHE D'OR (same terms) neck 3rd; previously easily beat Held in Suspense 3l at Haydock (6f, good to firm). LILIAN BAYLISS beat So Romantic 5l at Chester (7f, good to soft); previously running-on 1½l 2nd of 25 to Zonda at Newbury (6f, good to firm). TETRADONNA 1l 3rd of 11 to useful Junk Bond at Newmarket (7f, good).
Selection: CRYSTAL GAZING

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	97	408	23.8	S Cauthen	121	621	19.5
W Hern	37	173	21.4	W Carson	90	616	14.6
M Stoute	67	367	18.3	W R Swinburn	69	484	14.3
L Cumani	64	369	17.3	Pat Eddery	83	582	14.3
C Nelson	8	52	15.4	D Holland	3	24	12.5
M Prescott	7	55	12.7	R Cochrane	64	524	12.2

☐ Thanks to the postponement of last Saturday's Curragh meeting to today, Ray Guest's five-year-old mare Aldbourne has six rivals, rather than eight, in the group three Gladness Stakes. Two years ago, Aldbourne finished second to Ensconse in the Goff's Irish 1,000 Guineas here.

FONTWELL PARK

MANDARIN
2.15 Eurolink The Lad.
2.45 Val's Chat.
3.20 Bradmore's Chum.
3.50 Bara Peg.
4.20 Bounden Duty.
4.50 Members' Revenge.

THUNDERER
2.15 Fighting Brave.
2.45 Lucky Lane.
3.20 They All Forgot Me.
3.50 Bara Peg.
4.20 Bounden Duty.
4.50 Members' Revenge.

GOING: FIRM SIS

2.15 AMBERLEY NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,463: 2m 2f) (11 runners)

1 112000 GLEBELANDS GIRL 17 (G,B) (D Welsh) R Bennett 11-3 ..... Lee O'Hare (7) 90
2 12 HAITHAM 110 (CD,BF,G) (N Barnes) R Akehurst 11-2 ..... L Harvey ● 89
3 010 WYLAM 24 (V) (Mrs J Wootton) M Tompkins 11-2 ..... S Smith Eccles 98
4 60 COMMANCHERO 19 (J Murrell) R Hodges 10-10 ..... A Tory 72
5 DREWITTS DANCER (F Gray) F Gray 10-10 ..... M Crosse —
6 2 EUROLINK THE LAD 15 (BF) (Eurolink Ltd) M Pipe 10-10 ..... P Scudamore 93
7 FIGHTING BRAVE 171F (Sir Gordon Brunton) K Bailey 10-10 ..... R Dunwoody —
8 204 MYHAMET 17F (B) (G Meadows) P Hobbs 10-10 ..... C Maude (3) 98
9 2 NIGEL LANE 32 (M Mitchell) P Hedger 10-10 ..... M Richards —
10 602 MISTRESS MONET 15 (P Edwards) Mrs A Knight 10-5 ..... G Knight 89
11 MOREBRWEN 11F (Mrs E Williams) J O'Donoghue 10-5 ..... M Kinane —

BETTING: 9-4 Eurolink The Lad, 5-2 Haitham, 6-1 Fighting Brave, 8-1 Myhamet, 10-1 Wylam, 12-1 Mistress Monet, 14-1 Glebelands Girl, 16-1 Commanchero, Nigel Lane, 20-1 others.

1990: COE 11-2 L Harvey (4-7 fav) R Akehurst 7 ran

2.45 FOX & KENT NOVICES CHASE (£2,641: 3m 2f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 0/0-0P00 CHESHIRE COVE 14 (Cheshire Paper Sales Ltd) J Honeyball 8-11-2 ..... S McNeill —
2 2305-35 COUNTY CHARMER 28 (R Brinkworth) D Gandolfo 7-11-2 ..... B Dowling —
3 PP0PP0 COURAGEOUS CHARGER 28 (B,F) (Mrs P Tetley) Mrs P Tetley 9-11-2 ..... T Grantham —
4 P-84408 LUCKY LANE 15 (Rod Hamilton) P Hobbs 7-11-2 ..... S Earle ● 99
5 042258 POONA EXPRESS 75 (B,S) (A Ridout) A Ridout 10-11-2 ..... P Holley —
6 0-5 VAL'S CHAT 10 (M B Robinson) M Robinson 7-11-2 ..... I Lawrence —
7 00/P/P0 GOOSE GREEN 42 (O Henley) P Butler 11-10-11 ..... W Elderfield —
8 450UFP SARA LANE 17 (B) (S Pearce) N Ayliffe 7-10-11 ..... M Richards —

BETTING: 7-4 Lucky Lane, 3-1 County Charmer, 4-1 Val's Chat, 6-1 Poona Express, 8-1 Sara Lane, 10-1 Cheshire Cove, 16-1 others.

1990: ELIZA DOOLITTLE 12-10-9 B de Haan (11-1) G Gracey 5 ran

3.20 LIDSEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,895: 2m 6f) (14 runners)

1 6011 BRADMORE'S CHUM 11 (B,S) (T Brady) M Pipe 4-11-10 ..... M Foster 98
2 P/115P-3 RIYADH LIGHTS 15 (CD,F) (B Fry) M Usher 6-11-4 ..... S Harris 84
3 223010 PRIX DU NORD 17 (F,G) (M Stiles) K Wingrove 5-11-2 ..... J Lodder 90
4 050033 TRIBAL MASCOT 15 (F) (W Dore) D Gandolfo 6-11-0 ..... P Harris 96
5 233033 THEY ALL FORGOT ME 5 (B) (Robert T Edwards) T Casey 4-10-3 ..... J McCarthy ● 89
6 BP0350 KHIOS 15 (F) (Miss E Cameron) F Durr 4-10-2 ..... C Huggan (4) 93
7 052 HIGHLAND BIDDER 17 (V) (J McMenemon) G Eden 4-10-2 ..... P Barnard 90
8 4-P4550 NUNS LITTLE ONE 11 (Mrs C Williams) J Bradley 6-10-0 ..... N Mann 95
9 000FP6 ELECTRESS 17 (B) (W Whetherly) A Turnell 5-10-0 ..... D Forth (4) 92
10 4/F00P6- MILE END 403 (A Ridout) A Ridout 6-10-0 ..... P Holley —
11 642633 HARVEST SPLENDOUR 15 (Flint Cottage Stables) M Tompkins 4-10-0 ..... T Kent 86
12 5/0-0P0P SATURN MOON 11 (Mrs R Davies) Mrs A Knight 8-10-0 ..... D Matthews —
13 0005P HAZY DANCER 17 (T Elwood) G Thorner 5-10-0 ..... D Bridgwater —
14 P0P0-PP SEISMIC LINE 20 (V) (Miss J Smith) B Stevens 6-10-0 ..... M Stevens —

Long handicap: Nuns Little One 9-13, Electress 9-7, Mile End 9-6, Harvest Splendour 9-6, Saturn Moon 9-5, Hazy Dancer 9-2, Seismic Line 7-12.

BETTING: 5-2 Bradmore's Chum, 5-1 They All Forgot Me, 6-1 Tribal Mascot, 8-1 Prix Du Nord, Riyadh Lights, 10-1 Highland Bidder, Khios, 12-1 Nuns Little One, Harvest Splendour, 14-1 others.

1990: TANG 5-10-7 J Leach (2-1 fav) R Akehurst 5 ran

In Hand finds his form

IN HAND, an 11-year-old half-brother to that top hunter chaser Teaplanter, won *The Times* Championship qualifier at the Cheshire point-to point on Saturday (Brian Beel writes).

Trained by Trish Rigby, In Hand was operated on to cure breathing problems last season. This has proved a total success as prior to this race he had won his members' three weeks ago.

Under Anthony Griffith, he stayed on well to beat the favourite, Round The Wrekin. Griffith later completed a double on Bryn Glas in the open on an objection.

The favourite, No Smoking would have been fully extended in *The Times* race at the Belvoir had Fantasy Man not fallen at the third-last fence.

Most successful rider of the day was Tim Moore with a treble at the Puckeridge and Thurlow where there was a first winner for Simon Sporborg on Badger's Mead in the members.

Doubles were achieved by Kevin Anderson and Doreen Calder at the Eglinton where one of her winners was the evergreen Flying Ace.

Old Nick was out for a confident-booster in the Bramham Moor open and was looking in command at the fourteenth when a loose horse interferred with him on the flat and unseated Nigel Smith.

The West Kent stewards showed no leniency on Tom Hills, fining him £200 for hitting Ashton Express, who ran out in the adjacent. Hills later recouped £80 of this by winning the maiden on It's The Wind.

3.40 ABERNANT STAKES (Listed race: £14,094: 6f) (12 runners) C4

401 (8) 663152- NICHOLAS 157 (F) (D) (H de Kwiatkowski) Mrs L Piggott 5-9-6 ..... L Piggott 89
402 (11) 1/2640-0 OSARIO 15 (G) (D,BF) (J Davis) R Hannon 4-9-6 ..... Pat Eddery ● 99
403 (9) 64230-1 PALACE STREET 24 (G,S) (D) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 4-9-4 ..... J Williams 95
404 (4) 561200- CASE LAW 201 (F,G) (CD) (Mrs D Thompson) M Prescott 4-9-2 ..... G Duffield 93
405 (2) 14030-5 CENTERLAND 15 (F) (D) (Ecurie Fustok) M Moubarak 4-9-2 ..... A Cruz 90
406 (10) 41110- ELBIO 280 (F,S) (C,D,BF) (B Brackpool) P Makin 4-9-2 ..... S Cauthen 87
407 (12) 23620-0 MORY KANTE 15 (M Andrea) John FitzGerald 4-8-11 ..... R Hills —
408 (5) 130-0 RIVADAVIA 15 (G,S) (Dr I Von Schubert) John FitzGerald 4-8-11 ..... David Eddery —
409 (6) 122210- SIR HARRY HARDMAN 168 (G,S) (D) (P Hobbs) F Lee 3-8-8 ..... Dean McKeown 91
410 (1) 513112- CLIFTON CHARLIE 185 (F,G) (CD) (J Mitchell) C Nelson 3-8-4 ..... J Reid 95
411 (3) 14120-3 RHYTHMIC DANCER 26 (F) (Heathavon Stables Ltd) J Berry 3-8-4 ..... J Carroll 85
412 (7) 6420-0 SYLVAN BREEZE 17 (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 3-8-4 ..... W Newnes 98

BETTING: 2-1 Osario, 7-2 Clifton Charlie, 7-1 Palace Street, 8-1 Case Law, 9-1 Sylvan Breeze, 10-1 Elbio, Nicholas, 14-1 Centerland, 16-1 Sir Harry Hardman, 25-1 others.

1990: SHARP REMINDER 6-8-9 B Raymond (12-1) C Williams 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

NICHOLAS 1½l 2nd to Katies First in listed race at Doncaster (8f, good to soft) with PALACE STREET 7½l 9th and OSARIO poor 14th. OSARIO disqualified after making most to beat Haky ¾l at Kempton (8f, good) with CENTERLAND (4lb better off) 7l 6th, promoted to 5th. MORY KANTE 10th and RIVADAVIA 12th.
PALACE STREET beat Tigani 1½l in listed race at Doncaster (8f, soft). CASE LAW 3l 2nd to Northern Goddess in group III Phoenix Sprint Stakes at Phoenix Park (6f, good) in August. SIR HARRY HARDMAN won valuable Cartier Premier Challenge by ¾l from Approach The Bench on penultimate start at Phoenix Park (6f, good to soft). CLIFTON CHARLIE running-on 3½l 2nd to Mujadil in group III Cornwallis Stakes at Ascot (5f, good); previously made all to beat Dahlewise 1l in handicap over course and distance (good to firm).
Selection: CLIFTON CHARLIE

4.10 LADBROKE HANDICAP (£7,830: 1m 2f) (14 runners) C4

601 (8) 0/5400-5 OPERATION WOLF 15 (F) (D) (NTC (Racing) Ltd) C Brittain 5-10-0 ..... M Roberts 97
602 (10) 011520- TIDEMARK 199 (F,G) (D,BF) (Lord de la Warr) L Cumani 4-10-0 ..... L Dettori 90
603 (7) 6/02236- DISSONANT 234 (G) (Lord Howard de Walden) Mrs J Cecil 5-9-12 ..... N Day 88
604 (3) 36110-4 AGE OF MIRACLES 10 (F,S) (D) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-9 ..... A Clark 91
605 (5) 31-2110 RAPPORTEUR 15 (F) (D) (R Berenson) C C Elsey 5-9-8 ..... W Newnes ● 99
606 (9) 5/6463-1 PAPAL LEGATE 14 (G) (D) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 4-9-4 ..... W R Swinburn 83
607 (12) 300201- CALLIPOLI 184 (G) (C) (Mrs B Long) John FitzGerald 4-9-0 ..... W Carson 87
608 (6) 126/050- MR WISHING WELL 241 (S) (S Astaire) R Williams 5-8-6 ..... G Duffield 89
609 (11) 100-121 DOUBLE ENTENDRE 15 (F,G,S) (D) (K Blake) J Akehurst 5-8-6 ..... S O'Gorman (5) 93
610 (14) 253106- TOP OF THE BILL 54J (F,G) (D) (F Golding) N Callaghan 4-8-5 ..... A Cruz 89
611 (1) 4200-00 PRICELESS FANTASY 19 (F) (I Wardle) I Wardle 4-8-3 ..... A Mackay 91
612 (2) 416110- SINCLAIR BOY 165 (F,S) (D,BF) (K Knox) B Hills 5-8-3 ..... D Holland (5) 89
613 (13) 1U005-6 MURFIELD VILLAGE 11 (F) (D) (R Sayer) S Dow 5-7-12 ..... N Adams 90
614 (4) 2541-44

The recession England would welcome

Today Middlesex, the county champions, meet MCC in the traditional curtain-raiser to the new season. Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, looks forward to the end of West Indian domination

The bewildering pace of the international cricket circuit, the familiarity of the players and the stony-faced commercialism of all around them have conspired to shed much of the romanticism from the start of a new season. Only at the most rustic levels of village cricket have the participants been off the field, out of the nets and away from the game long enough to suffer from April stiffness or relish the sights and smells of the annual reunion.

England and West Indies, whose five-Test match Cornhill series will be the centrepiece of the 1991 first-class season, certainly need waste no time on polite introductions. The teams know each other only too well. The same goes for the clubs liable to scrap over the main county honours; Lancashire may have joined the powerful triumvirate of Middlesex, Essex and Worcestershire, but it will be a surprise if any other side makes more than a transient raid on the prizes.

This, however, is not to suggest that the coming English season, which opens properly with the start of the traditional MCC versus champion county game at Lord's today, has nothing new to offer. Indeed, in many ways we are seeing the end of an era.

This is to be the last season of rampant indiscipline, or so the theory of the imminent international code of conduct goes. It might just be the last year of the domination which West Indies sustained through the 1980s; by their own admission, they are due a period of recession and regrouping.

It might also be the final year of exile for South Africa, whose cricket has been fundamentally non-racial for some time and whose political change is creating the platform for a return, with England and Australia sure to be the keenest to test the water and the Rand wine.

Finally, it could prove the last year of a legend, indeed of two legends. Do not expect either man to confirm it, but if Ian Botham and David Gower play no part in the international summer, which is feasible, the game may not hold them come September.

What our game needs, of course, is to replace the irreplaceable. It is not only in terms of playing performance that Botham and Gower have been the most popular cricketers of their generation. In their contrasting guises, Botham, as the playground bully, and Gower, the gentleman adventurer, they became unmistakable, unforgettable characters, too. All sport needs its characters and English cricket, under its existing regime, is in danger of alienating those with flair, those who are different.

This is not a course one would readily associate with Ted Dexter, chairman of the England committee, and, whether on the cricket field, in private aircraft, on motorcycles, at the dog track or in business, a man of indelible flair. Dexter, however, has delegated any real influence on the affairs of the national team and, in the capable but clinical hands of Micky Stewart and Graham Gooch, things will only be done in a certain preordained way.

Gooch has been a revelation as captain in that he has not only commanded the respect and loyalty of all around him but has so relished the responsibility that he is, at last, unarguably in the super league of world batsmen. He gets along just fine with Stewart, too, but perhaps they are not sufficiently different for the partnership truly to work.

The team manager's methods have begun to look stale, and are dangerously resented by certain players. He has been an indefatigable worker for the English game, occasionally an innovative one, but a change of face and style may be overdue. This summer will be a thorough test of his durability and Keith Fletcher, mentor to Gooch for so long at Chelmsford, has weighty support for the job.

One of the more disappointing aspects of Stewart's tenure has been his unwillingness to acknowledge, much less correct, instances of flagrant bad behaviour by his players. Gooch to some extent improved this area but, in Australia during the winter, captain and manager were guilty of confusing the need to be competitive with the borders of sportsmanship.

Colin Cowdrey, chairman of the International Cricket Council, made a telling comment in *The Times* on Saturday when discussing what he saw in Australia; "It was depressing beyond all measure to see players showing petulance in open dissent of the umpire's decision — and more depressing still when captains and boards of control appeared to be indifferent."

Cowdrey is right; if English players ever were more virtuous than their opponents, those days are gone. We have in our midst some cricketers all too willing to bend the laws and exploit the frailties of umpires. Maybe tougher, more consistent umpiring will help, maybe the match referees and the code of conduct will be a deterrent. The solution, however, lies primarily with the captains, management and the offenders themselves.

If conduct is to be scrutinised this summer, then so is commercialism and its benefits. Cornhill Insurance must decide by the end of this year whether it wishes to extend its sponsorship of the England team, and it is as likely to be swayed by image and behaviour as results.

In other areas, too, the game is embracing the market place. Prepare for an extension of the overt on-field logos with which the Test and County Cricket Board experimented last year; prepare, too, for coloured clothing in the near future, a development with which there need be no dispute providing it is confined to the Sunday league as further, visual evidence that this is a game apart.

I hope, through the summer, to see dissent kept in check and money-making proceed only with dignity. I hope to see Graeme Hick, whose image and conduct have thus far been flawless, remain single-minded about making runs, which he does peerlessly, rather than money, which will come his way as a matter of course.

One last hurrah from Gower, even from Botham, seems attractive but the priority is for their places in our hearts to be claimed by young blood, maybe by Ramprakash and Lewis. Finally, if only for the deserving sake of Gooch, who has suffered much at their hands, I would like to see the West Indies beaten. I happen to believe it is not impossible.

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker plays Milton's tune

From JENNY MACARTHUR IN GOTHENBURG

WHILE John Whitaker greeted his second successive win in the Volvo World Cup on Sunday with customary matter-of-factness, it was left to the aficionados of the sport to assess his spectacular achievement.

Bill Steinkraus, the winner of an Olympic gold medal for the United States in 1968, put into perspective Whitaker's double clear round in Sunday's grand prix, the final leg of the three-part World Cup. "It was a test of technical resourcefulness and character — and John was perfect on both counts. They are undoubtedly the toughest show-jumping partnership in the world."

The praise is well deserved. Henderson Milton's flamboyant, exuberant style and effortless jumping tends to deflect praise from Whitaker, who rides Mr and Mrs Tom Bradley's 14-year-old superstar with a deceptive quietness. "He's doing much more than you think," Ronnie Massarella, the British team manager, said. "Milton was always going to be a great horse but I doubt if anyone else would have got the tune out of him that John does."

Nor could many have remained as popular as the unassuming Yorkshireman in the face of such success. The pair have won nearly £900,000 in their eight-year career (plus 20 cars). It is possible to beat Milton — as several have proved — but a competition such as the World Cup might have been designed for him. While its gruelling three-leg formula ruthlessly exposes weaknesses in other top horses, Milton jumps better as the courses become more difficult.

But there is no apparent jealousy. Although in sight of his long-standing ambition, one costly error in the second round deprived Nelson Pessoa of the the World Cup, in which he had also finished runner-up in 1984. The Brazilian, aged 56, who was on the Irish-bred Special Envoy, still managed a wide grin as he said: "I'm very happy — in these days coming second to Milton is as good as coming first."

LEADING RIDERS AT GOTHENBURG: 1, J Whitaker (GB); 2, N Shelton (GB); 3, O Becker (Ger).

Plenty of practice but no fun

By RICHARD STREETON

FENNER'S (final day of three): Cambridge University drew with Lancashire

GEHAN Mendis took his match aggregate to 171 for once out with a four-hour hundred as Lancashire settled for batting practice yesterday. A token declaration at tea left Cambridge University a nominal target of 448 in two hours, which emphasised the nature of the play. Lancashire, who had a lead of 192, were entitled not to enforce the follow-on but they should not have prolonged their innings for as long as they did.

This was the 37th century Mendis has scored and as always his varied strokeplay — against an admittedly modest attack — was never dull to watch. It was disappointing, however, that after reaching 103 out of 171 in 50 overs, that he did not give someone else the chance to bat. He made only 11 further scoring strokes in the remaining 75 minutes before the declaration. Lloyd and Watkinson, his partners in the closing stages, were appropriately carefree.

Earlier, Fowler had never seemed to come to terms with a slow pitch as he shared an opening stand of 99 with Mendis. He was out when he mistimed a drive to short extra cover against Lowrey, who like Pearson, the second off spinner, bowled tidily before taking some late punishment.

Fairbrother had just found his timing on the off side when he had to retire injured. He pushed forward to a ball from Pearson that bounced more than most and sustained a small cut as it struck his forehead.

Jones was caught behind for the second time when Cambridge batted, Hegg swooping low to his left. Crawley again looked confident before he shouldered arms against Allott. Morris was held at slip before the game was given up half-an-hour early.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 443 for 7 dec (M A Atherton 138, G D Lloyd 70, G Fowler 53)

Second Innings

G D Mendis not out	127
G Fowler c Crawley b Lowrey	25
*N H Fairbrother retired hurt	25
G D Lloyd c Turner b Bush	39
M Watkinson not out	35
Extras (lb 1, nb 3)	4
Total (2 wkts dec)	255

BOWLING: Bush 11-0-45-1; Weller 6-2-23-0; Pearson 24-5-76-0; Lowrey 18-3-67-1; Johnson 6-1-38-0; Ariscott 2-0-5-0.

M A Atherton, P A J DeFreitas, †W K Hegg, J D Fitton, G Yates and P J W Allott did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-99, 2-200.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings 251 (J P Crawley 83).

Second Innings

G W Jones c Hegg b DeFreitas	0
R I Clitheroe not out	22
J P Crawley b Allott	30
M J Morris c Allott b Fitton	0
M J Lowrey not out	2
Extras (b 4)	4
Total (3 wkts)	58

*†R J Turner, J P Ariscott, R M Pearson, D J Bush, S W Johnson and R B Weller did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-48, 3-54.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 6-2-19-1; Watkinson 4-2-5-0; Yates 8-2-24-0; Allott 4-1-4-1; Fitton 2-1-2-1.

Umpires: G I Burgess and M J Kitchen.

Taylor survives a painful blow to impress once again

From JOHN WOODCOCK IN BRIDGETOWN

IN SOMETHING rather more like cricketing weather here yesterday, the Australians began their reply to the West Indian Board XI first innings of 345 for eight declared. By the middle of the afternoon, they were 144 for four.

The loss of all but seven overs' play on Sunday left the Australians more concerned with their batsmen's form before Friday's fourth Test than with looking for ways of winning this particular match.

The bowling was eminently presentable. In fact Cummins, of Barbados, Anthony, of Antigua, Allen, of St Vincent, and Moseley, from Barbados, generated a good deal more hostility than Reid and Hughes had in the Board's innings, Allen with a delivery which could be a carbon copy of Gladstone Small's.

It is the sort of pitch on which West Indians, with their naturally whippy actions, usually do tend to make the ball lift more awkwardly than whoever their opponents may be.

Mark Taylor discovered that when Moseley pinned his left thumb against the bat handle. Fortunately, it was with less dire results than when the same bowler put Graham Gooch out of the Test series here a year ago. Taylor went on to pass 50 for the fifth time in ten first-class innings on the tour.

A good return could put any of the four fast bowlers in the Board side in line for a place in the West Indian party, which is due to leave for England three weeks tomorrow.

With a useful performance already to his credit, playing for the West Indies Under-23 XI in St Vincent a fortnight ago, Anthony took the first two wickets now when Marsh, attempting to hook, was surprised by steepness of bounce and Boon was beautifully caught at third slip.

Not especially tall but strongly built, Anthony showed why Vivian Richards, a fellow Antiguan, came to recommend him to Glamorgan, for whom they both played last season. Only when Taylor began to bat with unaccustomed aggression after lunch did anyone look like getting the better of him.

At the other end to Taylor, Jones was having a more difficult time, scoring only five of the first 45 runs they added together. But Jones, too, seemed to have settled in when Allen had him leg before with a ball that kept low.

☐ Ian Botham yesterday criticised England's "embarrassing" performances in Australia last winter — and insisted he was still good enough to reclaim his Test place.

The Worcestershire all-rounder, who has spent two frustrating years out of the Test arena, claimed he would not have "capitulated" as easily as did Graham Gooch's team.

"If the criterion for picking the England team is to be able to run 15 miles in 25 minutes, then I'm struggling," Botham said. "But if it's about cricket and talent, then I haven't seen a better all-rounder yet.

"It is a constant frustration for me to be out of the Test side, because every time England selectors spend another six months looking to find another all-rounder, then it's another six months off my career."

WEST INDIES BOARD XI: First Innings 345 for 8 dec (P V Simmons 122, C B Lambert 72, B C Lara 56).

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

*G R Marsh c Williams b Anthony	26
M A Taylor not out	75
D C Boon c Adams b Anthony	9
D M Jones lbw b Allen	20
S R Waugh c Williams b Allen	1
M E Waugh not out	0
Extras (lb 1, w 2, nb 10)	13
Total (4 wkts)	144

†M R J Veletta, P L Taylor, M G Hughes, T M Alderman and B A Reid to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-75, 3-139, 4-141.

A cut above: Chris Smith chasing runs for Hampshire yesterday

Fraser still suffering long-term hip injury

THE unpalatable suspicion about the injury that bothered Angus Fraser for so long in Australia this winter was confirmed yesterday when he was ruled out of the Middlesex side for the four-day match against MCC which begins at Lord's this morning (Alan Lee writes).

Fraser's right hip has not significantly improved despite six weeks of complete rest and, as the domestic season gets underway, his first appointment is with a specialist.

"The hip is not so much painful as uncomfortable," the Middlesex secretary, Joe Hardstaff, said. "This type of injury can disappear almost overnight, and obviously we are hoping that happens in Angus's case."

However, the condition seems reluctant to disappear at all, let alone overnight. Fraser was first injured at Christmas, during the Melbourne Test, and although the England management may well have persisted unwisely with him when plainly half-fit, it is no coincidence that he is a heavy and unathletic figure, certain to attract such stress injuries.

The long-term absence of Fraser would be a huge blow to Graham Gooch and his side. Only five weeks remain before the start of the international season and the specialist's report will be studied by the England management this week with as much attention as the scores from Lord's, where Graeme Hick will be the focus of most attention.

Hick plays for an MCC side otherwise made up of original or replacement players on the England A winter tour, although if Mark Ilott fails a fitness test this morning, his place will go to Martin Bicknell.

Double century for Smith

By JACK BAILEY

THE PARKS (second day of three): Oxford University, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 213 runs behind Hampshire

CHRIS Smith enjoys playing against Oxford University. Before yesterday's double-century, he had made scores of more than three figures against them on no fewer than five occasions, this being his third successive score of over a hundred in The Parks; and it was he who dominated a day's play in which a glorious spring day and promising bowling from the Oxford opening pair, Macdonald and Wood, competed hard for attention.

Smith made one near-fatal error when he was dropped at slip on 45. Otherwise, he gave good bowling due respect early on and, once past the hundred, launched mercilessly into the spinners and occasional seamers. Some idea of the tenor of his progress may be gleaned from the fact that in an innings of 258 balls, he made his second hundred from just 62, a period which saw him score all his seven sixes. He also hit 25 fours in saving Hampshire from embarrassment following a particularly edgy morning.

Macdonald, who has previously bowled with distinction for Durham University, and Wood, from Yorkshire, whose walk puts one in mind of a fast-forward replay of Richard Hutton, form a promising freshman pair. Both possess the virtues of length and line: and Macdonald's late outswinger and nip off the pitch had Hampshire's early batsmen — including the indomitable Smith — watching, playing and occasionally missing.

Macdonald it was who took the two early wickets which reduced Hampshire to 36 for two, before the clouds dispersed to reveal a beautiful sunlit day. Middleton fenced fatefully at a perfectly pitched away drifter and then Nicholas clipped a full length ball straight to short leg.

The Oxford fielding here about was everything one expects from undergraduates in search of glory and Smith and James repaired Hampshire's fortune with difficulty and the need of the odd slice of luck. None was more vital than that accorded to Smith when he was dropped in Turner's first over.

Had Smith gone, Hampshire, at 62 for three, would have been fighting for their lives and Macdonald's excellent morning figures of 14-8-28-2 correspondingly improved. As it was, a valiant effort was of no avail as Smith sailed on.

☐ Kevin Curran, the former Gloucestershire all-rounder, and the left-arm pace bowler, Paul Taylor, will both make their first appearances for Northamptonshire in the three-day match against Cambridge University, starting at Fenner's today.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 147 (R J Maru 4 for 17).

Second Innings

R Montgomerie not out	3
C Gupte b Connor	0
†D Sandiford not out	6
Extras (nb 1)	1
Total (1 wkt)	10

R E Morris, G Lovell, *G J Turner, D Pfaff, M Russell, H Davies, R MacDonald and B Wood to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

C L Smith b Turner	200
V P Terry retired hurt	4
T C Middleton c Sandiford b Macdonald	2
*M C J Nicholas c Montgomerie b Macdonald	7
K D James c and b Turner	47
J R Ayling not out	52
†A N Aymes not out	52
Extras (lb 4, nb 1)	5
Total (4 wkts dec)	369

R J Maru, F-J Bakker, Aaqid Javed and C A Connor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-36, 3-142, 4-291.

BOWLING: Macdonald 30-10-81-2; Wood 12-3-41-0; Turner 31-7-105-2; Davies 17.1-2-78-0; Lovell 8-2-36-0; Gupte 5-1-24-0.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and R C Tolchard.

BASKETBALL

Cadle may stay at Kingston

By NICHOLAS HARLING

THE ease with which Kingston confirmed their supremacy in English basketball at the weekend may be a crucial factor when Kevin Cadle discusses his future with the club.

Such is the coach's desire to take Kingston as far as they can conceivably go in continental competition that more tempting overtures from abroad may continue to count for nothing. There is no way the Carlsberg League champions and play-off winners can match any foreign offers to Cadle, but his destiny may still be at home.

It was after Kingston had humbled Sundeland 94-72 in the play-off final before a full house at the NEC in Birmingham that Cadle, aged 36, gave the impression he might stay. If Sunderland represented the best opposition, then Kingston should still have room to manoeuvre for a better finish in Europe than this season's seventh place in the final eight.

"First and foremost, we have to be respectable in this country," Cadle said, "but the realistic aim is to take the next step, which for us is in Europe. Right now, we have the fire power, the right attitude and mentality to do well over there."

He has yet to discover whether his push for overseas' honours will be with Martin Clark, whose retirement has not been announced with a conviction that makes Kingston believe his decision is irreversible. At least Alton Byrd looks like staying. It was for his 22 points and ten assists that the little man was voted the most valuable player of the match.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday April 20 unless stated

RUMBELOWS CUP FINAL
Not on coupons: Manchester United v Sheffield Wednesday (at Wembley, Sunday)

FIRST DIVISION
X A Villa v Wimbledon
1 Luton v Sunderland
1 Man City v Derby
X Sheff Utd v Tottenham
1 South'pton v Coventry
Not on coupons: Crystal Palace v Everton; Liverpool v Norwich; Nottingham Forest v Chelsea

SECOND DIVISION
X Barnsley v West Brom
1 Brighton v Oxford
2 Bristol R v Middlesbro
2 Leicester v Portsmouth
1 Millwall v Notts Co
2 Newcastle v Ipswich
1 Oldham v Bristol C
X Plymouth v Blackburn
1 Watford v Charlton
1 West Ham v Swindon
1 Wolves v Hull

THIRD DIVISION
X Bolton v Leyton O
1 Bradford C v Mansfield
1 Cambridge v Stoke
2 Crewe v Bournemouth
2 Fulham v Swansea
1 Grimsby v Birmingham
1 Hudd'field v Brentford
1 Preston v Rotherham
2 Reading v Bury
1 Shrewsbury v Chester
2 Tranmere v Exeter
Not on coupons: Southend v Wigan (Friday)

FOURTH DIVISION
X Burnley v Peterboro
2 Cardiff v Hereford
1 Chest'field v Carlisle
1 Darlington v Maidstone
2 Gillingham v Blackpool
1 Hartlepool v Wrexham
X Lincoln v Doncaster
2 Scarboro v Scunthorpe
1 Torquay v Rochdale
1 Walsall v Northampton
Not on coupons: Halifax v York (Friday); Stockport v Aldershot (Friday)

BEAZER HOMES LGE PREMIER DIVISION
X Atherstone v Weymouth
X Bashley v Gloucester
1 Chelms'd v Moor Green
X Dartford v Bromsgrove

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Aberdeen v Motherwell
1 Celtic v Dunfermline
2 Hibernian v Dundee U
X St Johnstone v Hearts
2 St Mirren v Rangers

SCOTTISH FIRST
1 Airdrie v Clyde
1 Brechin v Morton
X Clydebank v Kilmarnock
1 Dundee v Meadowbank
1 Forfar v Ayr
1 Hamilton v Raith
2 Partick v Falkirk

SCOTTISH SECOND
2 Alloa v Berwick
2 Arbroath v Dumbarton
X E Fife v Cowdenbeath
X E Stirling v Q of South
1 Montrose v Albion
Not on coupons: Stenhousemuir v Queen's Park; Stranraer v Stirling

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Aston Villa, Sheffield United, Barnsley, Plymouth, Burnley, Lincoln, Bashley, Dartford, St Johnstone, Clydebank, East Fife, East Stirling.

BEST DRAWS: Aston Villa, Sheffield United, Plymouth, St Johnstone, East Fife.

AWAYS: Portsmouth, Ipswich, Swansea, Exeter, Blackpool.

HOMES: Manchester City, Brighton, Oldham, West Ham, Wolves, Huddersfield, Preston, Darlington, Hartlepool, Aberdeen, Airdrie, Brechin.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Manchester City, Oldham, West Ham, Darlington, Hartlepool. Aways: Portsmouth, Blackpool, Stirling. Draws: Sheffield United, Plymouth, East Fife.

● Vince Wright

Two semis makes quite a dish of lunch

By PETER BARNARD

SPORT ON TELEVISION

THE WEEK IN VIEW

AS THE weekend was such an important one for football and golf, I had naturally planned to write about the Test cricket in the West Indies. Three matches gone, time to reflect, and so on. But the cricket is on BSkyB and the sports editor says that if I want a dish, I can get my own. OK, I don't mind that.

That leaves the football and the golf. The approach to the FA Cup semi-finals on Sunday was littered with so many quotes from managers, coaches and players about the lads going out there to enjoy themselves that I was disappointed when the players arrived on the pitch: none of them had brought a girl.

Actually, I *do* mind about the dish. It is a bit much not being able to watch the cricket on BSkyB. Have you seen the sports editor's budget? He spends more money covering underwater hockey than a satellite dish would cost. But I mustn't go on about it.

You know what you are in for when footballers are sent out to enjoy themselves: a hard time. I have long had an ambivalent view about the beloved Arsenal, who lost in the first ten minutes but lost the chance of *recovery* in the next half-hour when their worst side — the whingeing, petty-fouling side — diverted them from the real task.

These players would be no good in my job: you need a long memory to recall the last time you saw any Test cricket when you have not got a satellite dish.

Forest once more showed how the game should be approached, and should not have their victory diminished by a ridiculous sending-off, which unbalanced the game and put so much resolve into West Ham's ten men that Malcolm Allison seemed justified in saying at half-time that the Hammers would not lose.

Perhaps Brian Clough was watching that in the dressing-room. He raised a faint smile only when the fourth goal went in, but the boy Nigel was wreathed in them three times before that. He was, for me, the man of both matches, *pace* Gascoigne.

I am uneasy about television being allowed to show the semis back-to-back, separated by that other excuse for people to bawl at each other, *EastEnders*. A game of football is an event with its own place in time. I resent having to sit in front of a television before noon on a Sunday. The commentator, Barry Davies, said when Arsenal went 2-0 down: "It's not the sort of thing you expect to happen to you before lunchtime on a Sunday."

Quite so. I think my family is entitled to lunch before 2pm, and entitled to have me at the table. Over lunch, you explain apologetically that it all starts again at three, and ends at 5.25. Anybody care to go out? *Anybody care to . . .?* They've gone out.

At 5.25, you switch off Wilson, Motson, Davies, Hill (the experienced but ageing back four) and try to fill in the time until the Masters golf starts at 9.10 on BBC2. After two semi-finals, I have forgotten how my legs work so no point getting out of the chair.

I filled the time writing to the sports editor, enclosing a blank sheet of A4 for his reply in case he has blown the stationery budget covering the world yak-sexing championships.

At last, we got Woosnam. I thought the hold-up at the 13th tee had broken him, but he clung on for the major he deserves, even if he had to pay for it by having his caddie sweep him off his feet on the 18th green. I say, old boy.

Of course, any halfway balanced television column would compare the BBC Masters coverage with that of Sky, which had every shot live. Don't write to me, I haven't got a dish. But I'm working on it.

CYCLING

Boardman sets record at Newtownards

CHRIS Boardman's record-breaking victory in the Lee Ards 25 miles at Newtownards, Northern Ireland, at the weekend, with an Irish all-comers best of 52min 05sec, was his last solo time-trial before defending his British championship on June 2 (Peter Bryan writes). The success was his fourth victory to date over his rival, Graeme O'Bree, of Scotland.

Boardman's ride produced his eleventh win from as many starts; he will now concentrate on road races as preparation for the title trial. The first, the Hope Valley 95 miles near Shrewsbury on Sunday, is the third of the 13-event Star Trophy series, and is followed a week later by the Welwyn-Hatfield 100 miles, the next in the competition.

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Butterfly heading for nasty sting

From DAVID MILLER IN ATLANTIC CITY

GEORGE Foreman has been chopping wood. A lot of it. So much, indeed, he has had blisters on his hands. He calculates that the only blister on Friday night will be where his right hand catches the left jaw bone of Evander Holyfield, the world heavyweight champion. This one punch may be about all Foreman now can offer as a fighter, but it is sufficiently formidable for a number of knowledgeable critics to consider that the problems in the title bout this week are more with Holyfield than Foreman.

The heavyweight division has been notable in recent years more for its skill in taking money from the public than in the promotion of boxing bouts worthy of the name. Mike Tyson brought a new ferocity to the ring but was unable to find an opponent worthy of him; and then threw away the title to James Douglas, who rather more pathetically then handed it to Holyfield.

The first defence by this fitness fanatic, a Georgian exiled in Houston — who rather hurriedly needs money to sort out some seriously unexplained accounts, not to say questions by clients' lawyers, in an Atlanta motor dealing business — is fascinating just because the doubts about tactics are more with the 28-year-old defender than the 42-year-old challenger.

Foreman, who has a comeback record of 24-0, who last lost in 1977 to Jimmy Young, who held the title in 1973-4 when beating Joe Frazier and Ken Norton before losing to Ali in Kinsasha — the Rumble in the Jungle — and who may be now the second heaviest fighter of all time, and is potentially the oldest champion, is not making a comeback title attempt constructed around the usual dubious publicity machine. Foreman can win.

Holyfield knows this, although predictably he is not talking as though he expects it. "Young Beats Old" is the poster-slogan around his camp; but how he beats the fat guy is a question that much concerns his handlers, Lou Duva, his manager-trainer, and assistant trainer, George Benton. Two rights to the head by Foreman last year were enough to dispose of Adilson Rodrigues, the No. 7 contender, in two rounds. It was no accident.

Foreman, also from Houston, grew up in a tough district, and made a living mostly from mugging until he was taken in hand as a fighter at 18. Within a year-and-a-half he was Olympic champion in Mexico City. He gave up the fight game to become a preacher and, detractors say, an eater.

At his last fight, he weighed 18st 7lb. Although he is said to have reduced to 17st, no one knows what he will be at the weigh-in. The heaviest ever was Primo Carnera at 18st 8lb when he took the title from Jack Sharkey in 1933. Eddie Futch, Foreman's trainer, says his man hits harder now than when he first retired, and some say he is a more knowing fighter. But can he move?

Probably not. So he will try to prevent Holyfield, a slim 15st 4lb, using the whole of the ring, will try to corner him by sheer weight. When Foreman predicts that it will be over in the second round, that may be because he knows that the longer the bout goes beyond four rounds, the less his chance. Holyfield's expected intention is to stay out of harm's way for four or five rounds, then get inside Foreman's right, and inflict damage on a tiring statue.

"I lured Douglas to throw his left upper cut, and then moved inside it," Holyfield says. "This time, I'll lure George's right, and do the same." Sound in theory. The difference is that Foreman is no ambling, amiable Douglas, lacking a fighter's instinct, but a man who once moulded himself on the meanness of Sonny Liston, who sparred with him in Liston's declining years before the former champion met a controversial death.

They say Foreman came back not for the money — he will receive $12.5 million to Holyfield's $16 million — but for the roar of the crowd. That indicates motivation. And in this fight, it is the older man who is the attraction. Don King, who is to gentility what Long John Silver was to seamanship, has said: "Holyfield couldn't draw flies on a garbage dump." He should know.

Holyfield's preparation is built on mobility, never mind that 21 of his 25 professional fights ended with knockouts. To this end, his training bristles with specialists. Marya Kennett, a ballet teacher, gives him flexibility lessons. Chassee Jordan is his "strength coach", supervising his diet. Tim Hallmark, a former triathlete, elaborately produces his fitness, making him throw 160 punches a minute in a specially restraining elastic harness.

But boxing is as much in the mind as the body-beautiful. Frank Bruno discovered that. Holyfield may move like a butterfly, but Foreman has one awful sting awaiting him.

Foreman: determined to become the world's oldest world heavyweight champion

Puck starts to run Wembley way for gallant Devils

By NORMAN DEMESQUITA

IF CARDIFF Devils qualify for Wembley and the opportunity to defend their Heineken championship, they will look back at Saturday's game against Murrayfield Racers as the turning point in their play-off campaign.

They were 4-1 behind at the end of the first period and John Lawless, their player-coach, knew why. "After two defeats last weekend, we changed the lines around," he said, "and it did not work, so we changed them back again. In addition, the puck started to bounce for us."

It did not do so before they found themselves 6-1 down midway through the second period. A burst of four goals in two minutes, 20 seconds saw them on their way and they emerged 8-6 winners.

In contrast, the Devils themselves led 6-1 on Sunday, early in the third period against Nottingham Panthers, and they went on to win 7-3 to eliminate Nottingham from the Wembley picture. Lack of experience up front was Panthers' downfall, but the way their youngsters are progressing, they will surely be a force in a year or two.

Solihull Barons can also bid farewell to any hopes of reaching Wembley and they cannot be proud of events in the West Midlands on Sunday. With Durham Wasps, they combined for a record 386 minutes in penalties and the game was abandoned with just over a minute remaining following a brawl which led to the ejection of more than a dozen players and the Durham manager, Tom Smith.

This makes the 113 minutes which Romford Raiders and Telford Tigers combined for on Saturday, seem insignificant. The Raiders took full advantage of Telford's indiscretions, scoring seven power-play goals.

The Tigers found more penalty trouble against Fife Flyers on Sunday and went down 6-3 to remain the only team in either division without a play-off point.

With London something of a depressed area in ice hockey terms, the third play-off win by Lee Valley Lions on Sunday represented good news. It enabled them to retain their first division status.

RESULTS: Heineken championship: Quarter-finals: Durham Wasps 11, Peterborough Pirates 2; Cardiff Devils 8, Murrayfield Racers 6; Nottingham Panthers 3, Whitley Warriors 4; Solihull Barons 11, Ayr Raiders 12; Cardiff Devils 7, Nottingham Panthers 3; Peterborough Pirates 11, Ayr Raiders 2; Solihull Barons 2, Durham Wasps 13; Whitley Warriors 2, Murrayfield Racers 5. Promotion-relegation play-offs: Fife Flyers 4, Humberside Seahawks 6; Slough Jets 7, Bracknel Bees 13; Swindon Wildcats 3, Cleveland Bombers 9; Telford Tigers 7, Romford Raiders 14; Bracknel Bees 10, Cleveland Bombers 0; Fife Flyers 6, Telford Tigers 3; Slough Jets 9, Swindon Wildcats 16. Qualifying play-offs: Milton Keynes Kings 10, Teyside Tigers 3; Glasgow Saints 8, Oxford City Stars 9; Medway Bears 9, Teyside Tigers 2; Oxford City Stars 3, Lee Valley Lions 5.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Good day for Real and Mendoza

By PETER ROBINSON

RAMÓN Mendoza had promised to restore the glory days to Real Madrid: now, he must keep his word. After winning a welcome vote of confidence from the club's members at the weekend, the long-serving president at the Santiago Bernebéu stadium is expected to make radical changes in an effort to restore Real to the top of the Spanish league.

A new manager, a clutch of expensive new players and adminstrative shuffling behind the scenes are all likely to follow the re-election of Mendoza following an increasingly bitter month-long election campaign against the Madrid-based journalist and Real supporter, Alfonso Ussia.

Mendoza won 57 per cent of the vote, but Ussia's 40 per cent is an indication of the unrest surrounding the club. Mendoza, aged 63, had expected to be re-elected unopposed.

His confidence, however, remains intact. After the election result was announced before Sunday's match with Valencia, Mendoza said: "The bad times are behind us now. I never stopped feeling like the president, and I'm going back to sit in the chair I left, which is still warm." Indeed, it was a good day all round for Mendoza: Real comfortably beat Valencia 4-0, ending a five-match losing streak.

Already, speculation is rife about who he intends to bring to Madrid.

In the meantime, Barcelona contine their exciting path to the league championship. Ronald Koeman's penalty secured their 1-0 win over Castellon on Sunday that, thanks to a Atlético Madrid's 1-1 draw with Seville, extended their lead at the top to five points.

In Italy, AS Roma, taken over last week by Giuseppe Ciarrapico, the owner of the Fiuggi mineral water empire, began the latest era in the club's history in disgrace. After losing 1-0 at home to Serie A leaders, Sampdoria, a group of Roma supporters attacked a number of Genoese with knives and stones, forcing five to seek treatment in hospital.

Twelve Romans were arrested. Ciarrapico's pre-match optimism — "I intend to build a great Roma. I humbly enter this world of soccer on the tip of my toes. It will be a fascinating adventure" — suddenly sounded naive.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Logic points to a London triumph

From RICHARD WETHERELL IN ALABAMA

THE London Monarchs were going through their final practice for the game at Legion Field against Birmingham Fire at around the same time as Ian Woosnam started his successful attempt to win the Masters. Larry Kennan, Monarchs' head coach, will be hoping that the European domination of that event is repeated in the World League of American Football.

Monarchs enter the game, that kicks off at 1am BST, 3-0 up but one game behind the Barcelona Dragons. The Dragons ensured that Orlando Thunder would return home without a win on their two-match European tour with a 33-13 victory.

Scott Erney, Dragons' quarterback threw three touchdown passes, the longest an 81-yard effort to Gene Taylor, and 43[illegible] yards in all. The crowd of 40,875 was the largest ever at the Montjuic stadium.

Birmingham Surge did both the Monarchs and the Dragons a favour when they became the first United States team to defeat a European division side. Both teams have a 2-2 record after the 16-10 win to the Surge.

The logic of the playground suggests that the Monarchs should easily beat Birmingham. Monarchs defeated the Knights who blasted past Machine, and Montreal's two wins were both against Birmingham. But sport was never that logical.

RUGBY UNION

Neath chairman resigns

By OWEN JENKINS

ELGAN Rees, has resigned as chairman of Neath rugby club over the club's decision to appoint Brian Thomas to a £36,000-a-year post as their rugby administrator. The decision comes just two days after Neath secured the inaugural Heineken League premier division title.

Rees, has been with the club for 18 years, 15 of those as a player when he won 13 Welsh caps as a winger. He has been the chairman for the past two years.

Rees had been against the club's decision to appoint Thomas and it appears that he has taken his action on a point of principle. Rees said: "I have decided to resign as chairman of Neath rugby club because of, firstly, my concern for the significant financial implications for the club after the agreed contract with Brian Thomas. Secondly, because of the manner in which the arrangements were made.

"So far as my second reason is concerned Brian Thomas approached the club to offer his services on a paid basis. In the negotiations which followed his appointment I was, and still am, unhappy about the circumstances leading to the committee's decision and the regrettable manner in which the proceedings of the committee were disclosed to the press."

"I have many happy memories at Neath. I would like to thank all the people who have supported me over the years and wish the committee, players and supporters every success for the future."

Brian Thomas declined to comment on the resignation. He has signed a ten-year contract with Neath and is Welsh club rugby's first paid administrator. He turned down an original offer of a part-time post before Swansea offered him a full-time position as their rugby director. Neath returned with an upgraded offer which he accepted.

TABLE TENNIS

Attempt to end acrimony

By RICHARD EATON

IN AN attempt to bring an end to the acrimony within the sport, agreement has been reached between John Prean, the retiring chairman of the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA), and Brian Halliday, the national councillor, who had each filed charges against each other of bringing the game into disrepute.

Halliday has agreed to a public apology to Prean for any personal hurt caused — though the word "unreservedly" has been struck from the press release — and in return Prean has withdrawn his threat of legal action. Halliday's disrepute charge was dropped at the request of Alan Ransome, the incoming chairman, and Johnny Leach, the president, two weeks ago.

The controversy came to a head during the election campaign for the new chairman as a result of a strongly-worded circular from Prean to more than 300 league and county secretaries. However, amid emotional scenes at Saturday's national council meeting a peace agreement was reached. Two other well-known figures in the game, Peter Hillier, the ETTA treasurer, and another national councillor, Les Wooding, also agreed to drop disrepute charges, against Halliday.

SQUASH RACKETS

Kind draw for Martin

JANE Martin, England's fast-improving ninth-ranked woman, will look back on the qualifying rounds of the Hi-Tec British Open with some relief after stumbling through the early stages of each match (Colin McQuillan writes). Her draw for the first round proper at Lambs Club tomorrow should concentrate the mind wonderfully.

With every top player in the world among the field of 94 women from 18 countries, Martin will view her match against Nikke Solan, of Australia, as the best option for further progress.

Solan is the youngest Australian on the international circuit.

RESULTS: Hi-Tec British Open: Women's qualifying finals: R Poole (Eng) bt S Macfie (Eng), 9-0, 9-7, 7-9, 9-2; J Dimmock (Eng) bt H Macfie (Eng), 9-7, 7-9, 9-2, 9-3; C Mott (Eng) bt M Peterson (NZ), 9-1, 9-0, 9-4; S Langley (Eng) bt R Cooper (Aus), 9-5, 9-5, 9-5; D Halloran (US) bt F Roberts (Eng), 9-2, 9-1, 9-4; J Martin (Eng) bt D Somsaren (Neth), 7-9, 9-6, 9-5, 9-2; R Macree (Eng) bt K Redfern (Br), 10-8, 9-3, 5-9, 9-7; L Charman (Eng) bt A Holbe (Ger), 9-0, 9-1, 9-4.

VOLLEYBALL

Gate prepares to bow out in Perth

WENDY Gate, the former captain of the England senior international team, will play her last match for Elliott Sports Jets at the MM Telecables Scottish Open in Perth in June (Roddy Mackenzie writes). Gate, who signed for the club last summer, helped the Edinburgh side to its first big honour when she guided them to the Royal Bank of Scotland Scottish Women's Cup at Meadowbank last month.

However, she is finding that travelling from her home in the north east of England to play for Jets, together with her shift work with the police force, is proving too great a burden.

Gate will however turn out at this weekend's inaugural Elliott Sports Anglo-Scottish tournament in Musselburgh, near Edinburgh, which has attracted Woolwich Brixton Knights and Sovereign Leasing Sale from south of the border.

Mizuno Britannia, the league and cup winners in England, have declined the invitation to compete. They are hoping to channel their funds into playing in a tournament on the Continent.

Scotland's four leading women's teams — Adscreen Kyle, Glasgow Powerhouse, Provincial Insurance and Elliott Sports Jets themselves — will play and the event should provide an adequate measure of the comparisons between the English and Scottish games. Brixton, runners-up to Britannia in the league and cup in England, will start as favourites.

Scotland's disabled men's team will play in the ten-team European Clubs Cup in Bratislava next month under the guise of Caledonia. France and Israel will compete as national sides and the tournament will be made up of club sides from Poland, Czechoslovakia and Germany.

IN BRIEF

Le Mans all-clear

LE MANS (Reuter) — Organisers of the Le Mans 24-hours endurance race said yesterday that the event would go ahead as planned on June 22 and 23 this year.

Le Mans suffered a blow last week when the sport's governing body, Fisa, reversed an earlier decision which would have opened up the race to cars not competing in the world sportscar championship.

TENNIS: Nick Brown, of Britain, was beaten by the top seed, Jan Siemerink, of The Netherlands, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 in the first round of the Korea Open championships

☐ Sarah Loosemore has achieved her first victory of 1991 with a 6-3, 6-2 defeat over Miriam Oremans, of The Netherlands, in the opening round of the Volvo Open in Pattaya, Thailand.

YACHTING: Alain Gautier, the French solo yachtsman fighting to retain his overall lead during the final stage of the BOC singlehanded round the world yacht race, moved 27 miles closer to his nearest rival, Christophe Auguin, overnight.

FOOTBALL: Sheffield United have completed the £110,000 signing of Glyn Hodges from Crystal Palace.

ATHLETICS: Ibrahim Hussein, the 1988 champion, won the Boston Marathon yesterday in 2hr 11min 06sec.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

POLKESTONE: Promenade 10 miles: 1, M Gratton (Invicta), 49min 22sec; 2, P O'Brien (Cbt Gaytonblend), 51:42; 3, A Gilling (Invicta), 51:59. Women: P Shore (Burnham Joggers), 65:57.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NEW YORK: World League: Barcelona Dragons 33, Orlando Thunder 13.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Mets 7, Montreal Expos 1; St Louis Cardinals 11, Philadelphia Phillies 7; Atlanta Braves 12, Cincinnati Reds 1; Chicago Cubs 6, Pittsburgh Pirates 4; Houston Astros 7, San Francisco Giants 2; San Diego Padres 5, Los Angeles Dodgers 3.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 6, Boston Red Sox 0; Toronto Blue Jays 9, Milwaukee Brewers 0; California Angels 9, Minnesota Twins 4; Kansas City Royals 5, New York Yankees 2; Texas Rangers 15, Baltimore Orioles 3; Oakland As 7, Seattle Mariners 6. Postponed: Detroit Tigers v Chicago White Sox.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto Blue Jays	5	2	.714	—
Cleveland Indians	3	3	.500	1½
Milwaukee Brewers	3	3	.500	1½
Baltimore Orioles	2	3	.400	2
Detroit Tigers	2	3	.400	2
Boston Red Sox	2	4	.333	2½
New York Yankees	2	4	.333	2½
West division				
Chicago White Sox	4	0	1.000	—
California Angels	5	1	.833	—
Oakland Athletics	5	1	.833	—
Kansas City Royals	4	2	.667	1
Minnesota Twins	2	4	.333	3
Texas Rangers	1	4	.200	3½
Seattle Mariners	0	5	.000	5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East division	W	L	PCT.	GB
New York Mets	5	2	.714	—
Chicago Cubs	3	3	.500	1½
Philadelphia Phillies	3	3	.500	1½
Pittsburgh Pirates	3	3	.500	1½
St Louis Cardinals	3	3	.500	1½
Montreal Expos	2	5	.286	3
West division				
San Diego Padres	5	1	.833	—
Houston Astros	4	3	.571	1½
San Francisco Giants	3	3	.500	2
Atlanta Braves	3	3	.500	2
Los Angeles Dodgers	2	3	.400	2½
Cincinnati Reds	2	3	.400	2½

SPEEDWAY

NEWCASTLE: World Championship: British quarter-final: 1, P Carr (Sheffield), 14; 2, L Carr (Sheffield), 12; 3, N Cadbree (Stoke), 12; 4, N Pettitt (Sheffield), 11. Reserve: D Blackburn (Berwick), 11.
GOLD CUP: Second division: Glasgow 60 (J Lyons 12, S Bowie 11, S Courtney 11), Middlesbrough 30 (J Luckhurst 11).

BASKETBALL

NEC BIRMINGHAM: Carlsberg Championship Play-off finals: Kingston 94 (Byrd 22, Cunningham 22, Clark 17), Sunderland 72 (Saunders 19, Paterson 18, Bucknall 16). Second division championship: Birmingham Bullets 81, Bury Metro Lobos 59. Third division championship: Cardiff Bloodsuckers 24, Chilton Feathers 10. Women: First division championship: Crystal Palace 58, Northampton Rose 62.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston Celtics 115, New York Knicks 102; Minnesota Timberwolves 99, Philadelphia 76ers 89; Washington Bullets 101, Miami Heat 98; San Antonio Spurs 109, Phoenix Suns 101; Indiana Pacers 125, Detroit Pistons 107; Portland Trail Blazers 139, Orlando Magic 119.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division	W	L	Pct	GB
†Boston Celtics	58	22	.718	—
*Philadelphia 76ers	43	35	.551	13
*New York Knicks	37	42	.468	19½
Washington Bullets	29	49	.372	27
New Jersey Nets	24	54	.308	32
Miami Heat	23	55	.295	33
Central division				
†Chicago Bulls	57	21	.731	—
*Detroit Pistons	46	31	.598	9½
*Milwaukee Bucks	47	31	.603	10
*Atlanta Hawks	42	36	.538	15
*Indiana Pacers	38	40	.484	18½
Cleveland Cavaliers	30	49	.380	27½
Charlotte Hornets	24	54	.308	33

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest division	W	L	Pct	GB
*San Antonio Spurs	52	26	.667	—
*Utah Jazz	51	27	.654	1
*Houston Rockets	50	27	.649	1½
Orlando Magic	28	50	.358	24
Dallas Mavericks	26	52	.333	26
Minnesota Timberwolves	26	52	.333	26
Denver Nuggets	19	59	.244	33
Pacific division				
†Portland Trail Blazers	61	18	.772	—
*Los Angeles Lakers	56	22	.718	4½
*Phoenix Suns	52	26	.667	8½
*Golden State Warriors	41	38	.519	20
*Seattle SuperSonics	40	39	.513	20½
Los Angeles Clippers	31	47	.397	29½
Sacramento Kings	23	54	.299	37

† clinched division title
* clinched play-off place

BILLIARDS

SHEFFIELD: Bangalore International Masters: First qualifying round: M Kothari (Ind) bt D Barton (Eng), 4-1; J Sinclair (Eng) bt H Griffiths (Wales), 4-0. Second qualifying round: I Williamson (Eng) bt M Wildman (Eng), 4-0; B Close (Eng) bt M Kotheri (Ind), 4-1.

BOWLS

MELTON MOWBRAY: Liberty Trophy: Final: Durham 120, Middlesex 119 (Durham skins final): G Smith 13, G Smyth 29; W Candron 20, B Jones 28, D Webb 28, W Richards 11; J Leaman 32, B Helmet 10; J Knox 17, G Little 18; T Butler 12, R Paine 27.

ETON FIVES

ETON COLLEGE: Kinnaird Cup: Semi-finals: J P Rayne and M B T de C de Souza-Silva bt A Hughes and R C Tyler, 12-8, 13-11, 12-8; E A Wass and N C Rathbone bt P G Dunbar and C M B Williams, 12-14, 12-8, 12-8, 10-12, 12-2. Final: Reynolds and de Souza-Silva bt Wass and Rathbone, 3-12, 12-7, 12-0, 12-5. Under-20 competition: Final, E P Shek and A J Rigden bt S W T Barber and J W Woodcock, 12-4, 12-6, 12-9. Aberconway Cup: Final: G W P and S W T Barber bt M J and H D Duncan, 12-6, 12-14, 12-5, 12-2.

FOOTBALL

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Chelsea 4, Fulham 1.
WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Cambridge United 3, Aldershot 1.
Late results on Monday
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley 1, Poole 0.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Under-15 International: Wales 0, Netherlands 2 (at Abergavenny). Norris Trophy: Final: Nottingham 7, South Notts 3. Marlesjwalde Cup: Semi-final: Sefton 3, Wirral 0.

GOLF

HATTIESBURG, Mississippi: Men's tournament (US unless stated): 280: L Silveira, 69, 65, 71, 65; R Cochran, 69, 65, 69, 63; N Nicolette, 65, 66, 68, 69 (Silveira won on sudden death). 281: F Funk, 69, 67, 68, 69. 286: B Chamblee, 71, 67, 64, 69; J Haas, 66, 69, 66, 67. 289: B Fabel, 70, 68, 67, 67; B Watts, 65, 68, 69, 67; D Halldorson (Can), 68, 68, 66, 67; C Perry, 68, 67, 67, 67; G Waite (NZ), 68, 73, 68, 67; M Sullinger, 68, 70, 68, 67; G Ladehoff, 70, 64, 67, 68; F Conner, 65, 66, 68, 70.
US PGA TOUR: Leading money-winners (US unless stated): 1, I Woosnam (GB), $476,893; 2, R Mediate, $470,487; 3, P Azinger, $416,978; 4, L Wadkins, $400,236; 5, C Pavin, $369,642; 6, S Pate, $369,012; 7, B Ellington (Aus), $332,729; 8, A Magee, $344,004; 9, C Strange, $319,091; 10, J Cook, $312,886.

CROQUET

PALM BEACH, Florida: Test match: (after three days): Great Britain 10, United States 2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

OPENCAST BRITISH AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Leigh East 28, Dudley Hill 9; Leigh Miners 20, Egremont 20; Milton 14, Wooleton 6; Wigan St Pats 28, Haworth 28.
SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Batley 36, Pulham 0; Dewsbury 46, Whitehaven 2; Hunslet 26, Carlisle 24; Workington 27, Sheffield 20.

RUGBY UNION

WARWICKSHIRE CUP: Final: Barlows' Butts 24, Kenilworth 6.
COLTS: Inter-Services: The Army 4, Royal Air Force 10. Kent Cup: Final: Old Erithonians 0, Old Colfeians 6. East Midlands: Semi-final: Bedford Ath 0, Stockwood Park 3.

HOCKEY

POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE
First division, final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Havant	15	11	3	1	45	16	36
Indian Gym	15	9	3	3	23	16	30
Hounslow	15	8	4	3	44	19	28
East Grinstead	15	8	3	4	30	16	27
Southgate	15	8	1	6	39	27	25
O Loughtonians	15	7	4	4	32	22	25
Slough	15	7	3	5	28	24	24
Teddington	15	7	3	5	22	27	24
Stourport	15	6	4	5	31	29	22
Bromley	15	6	3	6	24	25	21
St Albans	15	6	3	6	34	36	21
Cannock	15	5	3	7	19	20	18
Neston	15	3	4	8	20	24	13
Welton	15	3	2	10	16	36	11
ISCA	15	2	0	13	17	38	6
Wakefield	15	1	3	11	12	49	6

Second division, final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bournville	15	11	2	2	35	15	35
Firebrands	15	9	6	1	25	10	30
Trojans	15	8	5	2	33	22	29
Lyons	15	9	1	5	30	17	28
Cambridge C	15	7	6	2	21	13	27
Reading	15	8	3	4	23	17	27
Harborne	15	7	2	6	32	24	23
Canterbury	15	7	1	7	23	17	22
Brean	15	6	3	6	23	17	21
Gore Court	15	5	4	6	14	22	19
Richmond	15	4	5	6	19	25	17
Guildford	15	5	2	8	21	28	17
Warrington	15	4	4	7	19	25	16
Doncaster	15	4	3	8	25	33	15
Taunton Vale	15	1	1	13	12	39	4
Broxbourne	15	0	4	11	18	44	4

ICE HOCKEY

STOCKHOLM: International: Sweden 5, United States 3.
NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup play-offs: Norris division: Minnesota North Stars 3, Chicago Black Hawks 1 (North Stars win best of seven series 4-2); St Louis Blues 3, Detroit Red Wings 0 (series level at 3-3). Smythe division: Los Angeles Kings 4, Vancouver Canucks 1 (Kings win 4-2); Calgary Flames 2, Edmonton Oilers 1 (o/t) (series level at 3-3).
HEINEKEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Quarter-finals: Cardiff 7, Nottingham 3; Peterborough 11, Ayr 2; Solihull 2, Durham 13; Whitley 2, Murrayfield 5. Promotion play-offs: Bracknell 10, Cleveland 0; Fife 6, Telford 3; Slough 9, Swindon 16. Qualifying play-offs: Medway 8, Teyside 2; Oxford City 8, Lee Valley 5.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Lacoste British Open doubles championship: First round: D Johnson and A Lyons bt A Williams and S Tanner, 15-7, 15-11, 15-3, 18-13; R Owen-Browne and T Crockett bt R Pelley and D Watkins, 15-8, 15-6, 15-7, 15-4; B Davies and J Spurling wo R Walsely and P Ellis; D Barrett and B Alexander bt K Cook and R Burns-Cox.

ETON FIVES

First division, final table

TENNIS

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida: Women's tournament: Final: G Sabatini (Arg) bt S Graf (Ger), 7-5, 7-6.
ATP RANKINGS: 1, S Edberg (Swe), 3,783; 2, B Becker (Ger), 3,440; 3, I Lendl (Cz), 2,824; 4, G Forget (Fr), 1,927; 5, A Agassi (US), 1,902; 6, P Sampras (US), 1,886; 7, J Courier (US), 1,520; 8, G Ivanisevic (Yug), 1,516; 9, M Chang (US), 1,425; 10, J Svensson (Swe), 1,398.
THAILAND: Women's tournament: Singles: First round: S Loosemore (GB) bt M Oremans (Neth), 6-3, 6-2; Y Bezuidi (India) bt L Field (Aus), 6-2, 7-5; H Takeuji (Japan) bt A Nishiya (Japan), 6-2, 7-5; Y Takagi (Japan) bt A Minter (Aus), 6-1, 7-5; J-A Feuil (Aus) bt P Vasquez (Peru), 7-6, 4-6, 6-1; K Godridge (Aus) bt M Endo (Japan), 6-2, 6-3; P Kamstra (Neth) bt O Thamperiset (Thai), 6-1, 6-4; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt N Pratt (Aus), 6-1, 2-6, 6-0.
NICE: ATP tournament: First round: A Mancini (Arg) bt T Champion (Fr), 7-6, 6-0; A Chesnokov (USSR) bt M Larsson (Swe), 6-2, 6-2; C Pioline (Fr) bt F Santoro (Fr), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; A Volkov (USSR) bt M Vajda (Cz), 5-7, 7-5, 6-2; C U Steeb (Ger) bt F Fontang (Fr), 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.
VILAMOURA, Portugal: European father and son championship: Quarter-finals: G and J Bastiat (Wales) bt A and A Vaz Pinto (Por), 6-3, 6-2; J and J Gonzalez (Por) bt G and O Dubitski (Ger), 1-6, 6-3, 9-6; Y and N Bebr (Ger) bt P and J Naini (Fin), 6-2, 6-0; D and S Lloyd (Eng) bt T and D Stalder (Switz), 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

YACHTING

BOC CHALLENGE (at 12:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Newport, Rhode Island): Class 1: 1, Groupe Sceta (C Auguin, Fr), 1,846 miles; 2, General Concorde (A Gautier, Fr), 1,829; 3, Credit Agricole (P Jeantot, Fr), 2,189; 4, Innisspear (D Adams, Aus), 2,730; 5, Duracell (M Plant, US), 2,788; 6, Jurten (K Birtles, Aus), 2,791; 7, Grinaker (B Reed, SA), 2,797; 8, Esprit EC (J Autissier, Fr), 2,818; 9, EBV Expo '92 (J Uganda, Sp), 2,878; 10, Alba Regia (M Fa, Hun), 2,897. Class 2: 1, Servant (Y Dupasquier, Fr), 2,915; 2, Buttercup (D McIntyre, Aus), 2,867; 3, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall, GB), 3,009; 4, Project City Kids (J Boye, US), 3,163; 5, Sebago (H Roth, US), 3,950. Corinthian class: 1, Global Exposure (R Davis, GB), 3,336; 2, Volcano (P Thackery, US), 3,423; 3, Shutendorfi (M Saito (Japan), 3,662.
SOS INLAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: (Grafham Water SC): 1, C Robinson and K Richardson (Burton); 2, M Upton-Brown and B Masterman (Draycote); 3, I Pinnell and M Darling (Burghfield); 4, M Holt and N Fulcher (Shorne); 5, G Thomas and N Baker (GWSC); 6, J Loveday and J Ward (Ogston).

TABLE TENNIS

NAIROBI: Commonwealth Championships: Men: Group A: England bt Uganda, 5-0; Canada bt Isle of Man, 5-0. Group B: Nigeria bt Zambia, 5-0; Wales bt Kenya, 5-0. Group C: Hong Kong bt Northern Ireland, 5-1. Group D: India bt Uganda, 5-0; Australia bt Guernsey, 5-0. Women: Group A: Hong Kong bt Kenya, 3-0; Wales bt Kenya, 3-0. Group B: England bt Uganda, 3-0; Australia bt Northern Ireland, 3-0; England bt Canada, 3-0. Group C: Canada bt Tanzania, 3-0.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

AFRICAN NATIONS CUP: Group 1: Mali 0, Sierra Leone 0; Guinea 0, Cameroon 0. Group 2: Tunisia 2, Egypt 2. Group 3: Mauritania 0, Morocco 2. Group 4: Nigeria 0, Ghana 0. Group 5: Angola 1, Zambia 2; Swaziland 0, Madagascar 1. Group 6: Sudan 1, Kenya 0. Group 7: Zimbabwe 4, Malawi 0. Group 8: Zaire 2, Gabon 1; Uganda 3, Tanzania 2.

AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: DSV Alpine 0, Sturm Graz 2; Vorwärts Steyr 0, Rapid Wien 3; Austria Wien 4, Admira Wacker 0; FC Swarovski Tirol 1, Austria Salzburg 0. Leading positions (after 28 matches): 1, Austria Wien, 27pts; 2, FC Swarovski Tirol, 26; 3, Sturm Graz, 22.

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Estudiantes de la Plata 0, Lanus 1; Talleres (Cordoba) 2, Deportivo Español 2; Racing Club 2, Velez Sarsfield 0; Deportivo Mandiyu (Corrientes) 0, Ferro Carril Oeste 0; Boca Juniors 2, Gimnasia Esgrima La Plata 0; Newell's Old Boys 4, Rosario Central 0; San Lorenzo de Almagro 2, River Plate 2; Platense 1, Chaco for Ever 1; Argentinos Juniors 1, Independiente 1. Leading positions: 1, Boca Juniors, 13pts; 2, Lanus, 12; 3, Deportivo Mandiyu (Corrientes), 11.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: RSC Antwerp 4, Standard Liège 0; Mechelen 4, Molenbeek 0; Ghent 5, Lierse 1; St Truiden 0, Charleroi 0; Anderlecht 1, Genk 1; FC Liège 0, Club Bruges 2; Kortrijk 0, Eisden 0. Leading positions (after 29 matches): 1, Anderlecht, 46pts; 2, Ghent, 43; 3, Mechelen, 42.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: São Paulo 1, Portuguesa 0; Vasco da Gama 3, Botafogo 0; Bahia 2, Nautico 1; Gremio 2, Sport 0; Bragantino 1, Santos 0; Goias 1, Corinthians 0; Atlético (Minas Gerais) 1, Flamengo 1; Fluminense 1, Internacional 1. Leading positions (after 19 matches): 1, Palmeiras, 17pts; 2, São Paulo, 17; 3, Atlético (Minas Gerais), 17.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Den Haag 1, Vitesse Arnhem 1; Sparta Rotterdam 1, Feyenoord 1; SC Heerenveen 1, Utrecht 0; NEC Nijmegen 1, Volendam 2; Twente Enschede 4, Roda JC Kerkrade 1. Leading positions: 1,

● RACING 33
● CRICKET 34
● BOXING 35

SPORT

Woosnam woos greater glory

From MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, AUGUSTA

IAN Woosnam demonstrated, by winning the Masters golf tournament here on Sunday, that, like Nick Faldo, he is ready to monopolise the major championships.

Over the years, Woosnam has been driven by the desire to emulate the deeds of Faldo and he could not have chosen a more fitting stage than the Augusta National course. Yet he was the first to acknowledge that there is no room for complacency as Faldo, the outgoing champion, helped him into the vaunted green jacket.

"I know what Nick is capable of," Woosnam said. "He knows what I'm capable of. In a month's time, when we meet again, it might be a different story."

Woosnam and Faldo might be as different as chalk and cheese in character but they share the same innate desire to prove that they are the best in the game. At the US Open in June they will share favouritism, as they will one month later at Royal Birkdale, when Faldo defends the Open Championship.

Woosnam will also be spurred by the thought of becoming the first Briton to win the US Open since Tony Jacklin in 1970.

There was a danger that Woosnam, so consumed had he been by earning money, might not give all the major championships enough of his time. Faldo has proved how important it is to prepare for them.

Woosnam awoke to his first day as Masters champion yesterday to be informed by his agent that this one success will earn him more than $5 million from merchandising contracts. This is almost $1 million a foot for the 5ft 4½in Welshman. It should convince him that the time has come, at the age of 33, to concentrate on glory.

By holing the seven-foot putt on the 18th green here, he exorcised all his fears and became the fourth successive British winner of the Masters after Faldo (twice) and Lyle.

"I don't think anyone realises the pressure you are under at that moment," Woosnam said. "I knew I had holed that putt many times in the past. But I knew this was the time I really had to make it. I knew it was the time to show I had the bottle to win a major.

"It was the end of a tough day. A lot of people had come charging at me. I was left standing there, knowing that Sandy had putted out to win three years ago. I had come in here saying I was the best player in the world. Now I had to prove so. It was a right-to-left putt. I had to favour the right lip. I knew it was in three feet from the hole. You dream of that moment. The putt to win the Masters."

He holed with the minimum of fuss. He had become the first Welshman to win a major championship. There was more for Europe to celebrate as José-Maria Olazábal, of Spain, finished runner-up, Tom Watson, playing with Woosnam, having taken a six at the 18th.

"I guess they are better players," Watson said, magnanimous in defeat. "The crowd was obviously very partisan in my favour. But Ian is a winner. He proved he can win in Europe. He proved he can win over here three weeks ago at New Orleans. Now he has proved he can win major championships. He's a good guy. He's a lot of fun. And he's a tough competitor."

Woosnam was less than amused by the reaction of a section of the gallery, especially when, at the 13th, where, after having to wait for more than 15 minutes on the tee, he pulled his drive into a creek deep in the trees.

"There was a cheer when my ball went in there," he said. "It was my own fault, really, because I had tried to bite off too much of the corner. I was greedy. I paid the penalty. But I didn't much care for the bad sportsmanship. It made me all the more determined."

Woosnam launched his challenge for the Masters buoyed by the knowledge that he had overtaken Faldo at the top of the Sony world rankings. "It was nice being No. 1 but I knew I had to win a major to prove things to myself and to others," Woosnam said.

"I've always been a perfectionist on the golf course. Perhaps not in my attitude, because I do enjoy myself too much. They say that if you want to be the best, you have to look after yourself, which, I suspect, means you must not smoke or drink. Well, I'm not going to change. My friends are my friends and I don't see why I should change my life for anybody." It is a refreshing attitude.

Glendryth, his wife, despite expecting their third child in September, had walked the length of the course, only to be denied a clear view of the finish as the spectators surrounded the 18th green.

"I didn't mind that so much as some of the talk out there," she said. "I had to close my ears or else it could have got to me. You have to walk on if they are saying bad things about your husband."

Woosnam was up against a tidal wave of nationalistic emotion as Watson, twice the Masters champion but without a win since 1987, rebounded from a five at the 12th with eagle threes at the 13th and 15th holes. Whereas Woosnam remained composed, Watson lost his chance with a reckless drive at the last.

Woosnam could hardly be faulted as he completed his 72 for a total of 277, 11 under par. Olazábal proved he can win a major championship, although that was of little consolation to him. He lost his chance when he took five at the last, where he was in two bunkers. "There was a lot of pressure," he said. "But that is why I like this game. It was a good learning experience for me."

Woosnam's time had come just as Lyle's had in 1988 and Faldo a year later. "It hasn't really sunk in yet," he admitted. "But I'm looking forward to the next major. I feel the pressure is off. I never thought I wouldn't win one because I've always felt I could beat everyone.

Woosnam has signed a contract to play in the Benson and Hedges International, which starts at St Mellion on Thursday, and he stressed that he would honour that commitment. He might seek a release from the Murphy's Cup in June to compete in the Buick Classic the week before the US Open, which takes place from June 13 to 16 at Hazeltine National, Chaska, where in 1970 Jacklin won.

Woosnam, who had been helped into the green jacket – size 40, short – by Faldo, the defending champion, said: "When I got to the locker-room around midday there was a note from Nick. It just said 'Good luck, go out and win it'."

Tailored to perfection: Woosnam sports the green jacket of a Master after Faldo had helped him into it

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How a hostile US crowd was won over

Augusta

DAVID MILLER

HAVING had the extraordinary good fortune of watching the first three British golfers to win the Masters, I think Ian Woosnam's victory brought the most pleasure. There are a number of reasons why.

With Sandy Lyle, Nick Faldo and then Woosnam, I followed, as much by luck as judgment, the whole of their final rounds. In Woosnam's case there was also the charm of Tom Watson. There are few finer sights in golf than Watson's short iron play when things are going well.

Not only that, but the Masters champion of 1977 and 1981 is one of sport's gentlemen and his manner towards Woosnam throughout 4½ hours of intense rivalry was everything anyone could wish: encouragement almost to the point of paternalism, by a rival who as dearly wished to win as the Shropshire lad.

Watson's graciousness was the more important to Woosnam, given the extreme partisanship exhibited by the huge following that progressively swelled, hole by hole, behind the last pair. The British cannot be self-righteous; we saw the same at Muirfield in the British Open in 1987, when Faldo beat Paul Azinger, and in the Ryder Cup at The Belfry when Great Britain and Europe first won in 1985.

The characteristic, raucous enthusiasm for Watson was to be expected; especially when, having fallen from ten under par at the 10th, where he birdied with a 12-foot putt, to seven under by the 12th, when he was in the water, he eagled the 13th and 15th to share the lead with Woosnam and José-María Olazábal, playing one hole ahead, on 11 under.

The antipathy towards Woosnam, however, was wretched; on the other hand, it served to make him even more determined. "The more aggressive I am," he said afterwards, "the better I play."

At the par-four dog-leg 5th – similar to the Road Hole at St Andrews, according to Dr Alister Mackenzie, the designer – Woosnam had gone 12 under for the second time with a 10-foot first putt and Watson's miss from three feet set him back to nine under. At the short 6th, a spectator was calling "double bogey" as Woosnam, the back of his navy shirt dark with sweat under the fierce sun, addressed his first putt from 40 feet above the pin. He bogeyed; and, in front, Olazábal birdied the 7th to join him on 11 under.

Woosnam hit possibly the longest drive of the week, over 280 yards, down the 9th fairway, then pitched 140 yards to within 11 feet and holed, to return to 12 under ... and there was barely a ripple of applause from the packed gallery.

For 20 years, Woosnam had said beforehand, he had watched the final back nine as a bystander. Now he went into it with a lead that he would hold, during two days, for a total of 27 holes. And he was impatient. "I wanted to know the result," he said. "It felt like I was out there for ten hours."

It was not impatience that cost him a shot at the 10th, where he chipped from off the green to 4½ feet and missed – Watson birdied from 12 feet – but it may have been at the 13th. With two pairs stacked in front of them, he and Watson had more than 20 minutes to sit on the tee and think – Watson about the loss of three shots on the previous two holes.

Woosnam wanted to get it all over; Watson was reckoning, he said, that eagles at the long 13th and 15th would put him back in the hunt. Indeed they did. Woosnam, conversely, greedy on his own admission for another huge drive such as he had hit at the 13th on the second day, pulled his drive low in to the trees and the brook. The crowd disgracefully cheered and he was lucky to get away with a six at the hole where Azinger had a ten last year.

On the 14th tee, someone shouted disparagingly at Woosnam that Augusta "isn't a links course". The fatherly Watson quietly advised him to "just think what's happening in front of the tee, not behind it". On the only hole without bunkers, they each had par.

Approaching the 15th, where Olazábal had just returned to 11 under, Watson hit the best short iron of the week to within five feet from 180 yards. It was here that Gene Sarazen hit a double eagle from 220 yards in 1935. Woosnam counteracted Watson's eagle with a birdie and there were three on 11 under.

With the skies overcast, the air heavily humid, the last pair held par on the 16th and 17th, every shot of Watson's received with clamorous applause. Beside the fairways and around the greens, it was like rush hour on the Underground and difficult to move. The gentle Mrs Woosnam was standing midway between the 17th tee and green in a daze of anxiety, distressed by the hostility from the spectators.

While Watson was driving into trees at the 18th and Woosnam somewhere into no man's land between the 8th and 9th fairways, over and beyond the crowd – calculatedly, he would say, to clear the 18th fairway bunkers – Olazábal, going from one bunker to another, was taking a bogey. Now there were two in the lead with one green to play.

Watson's second went into sand; Woosnam's, via a gully carved by security men through the dense crowd, reached the lip of the green. Watson splashed 25 feet past the pin; Woosnam putted to within seven feet. When Watson's downhill putt rolled past, those seven feet separated Woosnam from his place in history, nine years after he almost gave up tournament play in dismay. He put his head down, stroked the ball and, three feet from the hole, "I knew it was in".

"Perhaps," he reflected afterwards, "they'll now be able to say my name right. Maybe even spell it correctly." Regrettably, there are plenty of Americans who do not want to say it at all.

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Uefa may raise limit on overseas players

THE European Community and Uefa, European football's governing body, are on the verge of allowing clubs in the EC to field five overseas players from January 1, 1992. If agreed, the compromise would end a lengthy wrangle between the two bodies over the freedom of movement of players within the EC, and calm growing fears within the British game.

Until now, Uefa had been intent on restricting all clubs in Europe to fielding a maximum of three "foreign" players next season. There has been bitter British opposition to the three-player limit as clubs, who have long fielded teams featuring players born in all the home countries and the Republic of Ireland, faced the prospect of finding half their players ineligible for European cup competitions under the new Uefa rules.

Liverpool in England and Rangers in Scotland have led calls for the limit to be either lifted or, in the "special case" of Britain, greatly amended. Both face playing in Europe with many of their first-team squads sitting idle on the sidelines if they are not.

The EC had planned to lift all restrictions on the movement of players between countries, giving them more chance to join foreign clubs, in line with its move to greater European commercial freedom in 1992.

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Olympic incentive in London Marathon

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

AS IF fame, fortune, the World Cup and world championship places were not enough for British athletes to run for in the ADT London Marathon on Sunday, there may be another incentive: selection for next year's Olympic Games in Barcelona.

Gordon Surtees, the national marathon coach, is to seek an urgent decision from the British Amateur Athletic Board on his recommendation that three men and three women should be selected for Barcelona at the end of this year instead of after the 1992 London Marathon.

Therefore, any athlete producing a world-class performance on Sunday could presume he or she has booked a place in Barcelona.

"The women have to run at the end of July in Barcelona and the men at the beginning of August, which means that the London Marathon is far too late," Surtees said yesterday.

"I cannot think of any other venue that would be suitable in the early part of the year. For the girls, there is Osaka and Nagoya and for the men Houston and Tokyo, but not everybody can afford to go. It would make more sense to have selection based on this year's performances."

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Seaman falling foul of a familiar problem

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DAVID Seaman seems likely to be the next victim of the international jinx afflicting members of the Arsenal squad. After two flawed performances at Wembley within the last three weeks, the second in the 3-1 defeat by Tottenham Hotspur in the FA Cup semi-final on Sunday, he can scarcely expect to be retained as England's goalkeeper in the European championship qualifying tie against Turkey in Izmir on May 1.

If Seaman is omitted, he will extend a list of Arsenal players who have been unable to establish themselves in the national side. During the last three years, eight have been invited to try. Only one, Lee Dixon, has succeeded and even he has yet to be considered a fixture.

The individual failure rate is remarkable. Since Arsenal are about to claim their second League championship in three years with a line-up which is almost exclusively English, it would have been logical to assume that they would by now have had a significant representation in the national team.

That prospect appeared to be all the more likely in the wake of the European championship finals in 1988. But within the next few months, Tony Adams, supposedly blazing a trail for several club colleagues and once regarded by Bobby Robson as a future England captain, dropped out of contention.

David Rocastle came in but lost his form during the early stages of the build-up to the World Cup and has not been selected for more than two years. Michael Thomas, introduced with Seaman in the Saudi Arabian desert in 1988, lost his way and has yet to find the way back.

Brian Marwood and Nigel Winterburn, each of whom was offered a brief outing as a substitute, have not reappeared. Nor has Alan Smith been asked again to combine with Gary Lineker, his former partner at Leicester City. They have led England's front line only once, in Greece two years ago.

Adams has twice been recalled by Graham Taylor but only for a specific purpose. For the qualifying ties against the Republic of Ireland, England required reinforcements at the back to contain the aerial threat posed by Niall Quinn and it would be surprising if the tall central defender is included against the Turks next month.

Dixon has been the right-back in all of the five internationals since Taylor took over and Seaman seemed about to embark on a similarly prolonged run in goal when he was preferred to Chris Woods last month. On reflection, though, England's manager was not so sure.

"He's a first-class goalkeeper playing out of his skin," Taylor said, "but we have to find out if he can handle big games like this." He knows now. Seaman, obviously uncertain against the Irish, was even more fallible during Sunday's FA Cup semi-final defeat by Tottenham Hotspur.

So what happens to Arsenal players on the way from Highbury to the international arena? It can be no coincidence that seven of them have so far stumbled. Having won recognition for the standards they reach habitually for their club, they then fall short of them for their country.

The most convincing answer lies within the system built by George Graham. Arsenal, the most complete unit in the first division, have gained respect for their efficiency. Unlike Liverpool, Manchester United and particularly, Tottenham Hotspur, they have no need regularly to rely on individual brilliance for inspiration.

The lone exception this season has been Anders Limpar, a Swede and notably the one foreigner in their usual formation. Although Paul Merson is not devoid of flair, they all work within a tight framework. Outside their organised pattern, even their goalkeeper is clearly not so comfortable.

Merson is likely to be considered for England's tour of Australia and the Far East this summer. So might the prolific Kevin Campbell. But will the youngsters be able to adjust to the demands of international football, unlike so many of their senior colleagues?

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